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GIANT DIRIGIBLE FALLS INTO SEA DURING THUNDER STORM

SEVENTY-THREE OFFICERS AND MEN FEARED DROWNED

GERMAN CAPTAIN'S DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

New York, April 4.

THE GIANT AMERICAN NAVAL AIRSHIP, THE U.S.S. AKRON, THE LARGEST DIRIGIBLE IN THE WORLD, IS REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE SEA OFF THE JERSEY COAST.

SHE IS STILL AFLOAT NEAR BARNEGAT LIGHTSHIP. THERE ARE SEVENTY-SEVEN MEN ABOARD.

Four coast guard boats, a cruiser, a destroyer and all craft in the neighbourhood are rushing to the assistance of the Akron which, though still afloat, is characterised as a wreck.

The Phoebe is searching for survivors.

The last wireless communication from the Akron was at 5 p.m. since when the thunderstorms have intensified.

Admiral Moffett, also, Berry and Cecil, Commanding Officers of the Naval Air Station are among the complement of nineteen officers and fifty-seven men.

MOST OF CREW DROWNED

THE MASTER OF THE PHOEBUS DESCRIBES THE THUNDERSTORM WHEN HE SUDDENLY HAD A GLIMPSE OF THE AIRCRAFT LIGHTS FLASHING ON THE WATER. WHEN HE HEARD THE MEN HAILING HE TURNED ON ALL THE SHIP'S LIGHTS AND PUT OUT LIFEBOATS TOWARDS THE FLOATING MATTRESSES OF WRECKAGE. HE RESCUED THREE OF THE CREW, WHILE HE SAW OTHERS SINKING BEFORE BEING ABLE TO REACH THEM.

IT IS INDICATED THAT MOST OF THE CREW ARE DROWNED.

BAD VISIBILITY HINDERS RESCUE WORK

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4. The Lakehurst Naval Station telephones that the chances of saving the remainder of the crew of the Akron are slight, as it is impossible to send an investigating aeroplane owing to a three hundred foot ceiling of bad visibility.

The German tanker, Phoebe, reports that she has picked up some of the crew of the Akron but cannot get them all.

The Phoebe has sent a wireless message stating that she has saved the Chief Officer and three men. She is standing by in an attempt to rescue the others.

A JAPANESE ULTIMATUM?

FIGHTING EXPECTED IN
THE NORTH

SERIOUS REPORT FROM TIENTSIN

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Nanking, April 4.

ACCORDING to a Chinese despatch from Tientsin, a Japanese plane dropped a document into Chinese Military Headquarters at Shihmensai, yesterday afternoon, demanding the withdrawal of Chinese forces from the area east of the Luan River, threatening drastic measures in the event of non-compliance.

The message adds that the Chinese consider the document a virtual ultimatum and expect the opening of a Japanese offensive at any moment.

IN HONG KONG TODAY

FINE TO CLOUDY WITH
FOG OR MIST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER REPORT
FORECAST AND REMARKS, ISSUED BY
THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 5.15
P.M., STATED:—

A WEAK ANTICYCLONE, CENTRED OVER SHANTUNG, IS MOVING EASTWARD. ANOTHER ANTICYCLONE IS SITUATED TO THE EAST OF HOKKAI DO. A DEPRESSION IS MOVING EASTWARD ACROSS JAPAN. LOCAL FORECAST:—E. and S.E. WINDS, MODERATE; FAIR; LOCAL MIST OR FOG.

NAZI POLICE ARREST BRITISHER

TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN
DESTINATION

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, April 4.

THE Nazi auxiliary police arrested a Britisher, Harold Fraser while he was in bed and took him to an unknown destination.

The British Embassy are investigating. Fraser was recently dismissed from a German news agency on the grounds of being a Communist.

(Further cables on Page 9.)

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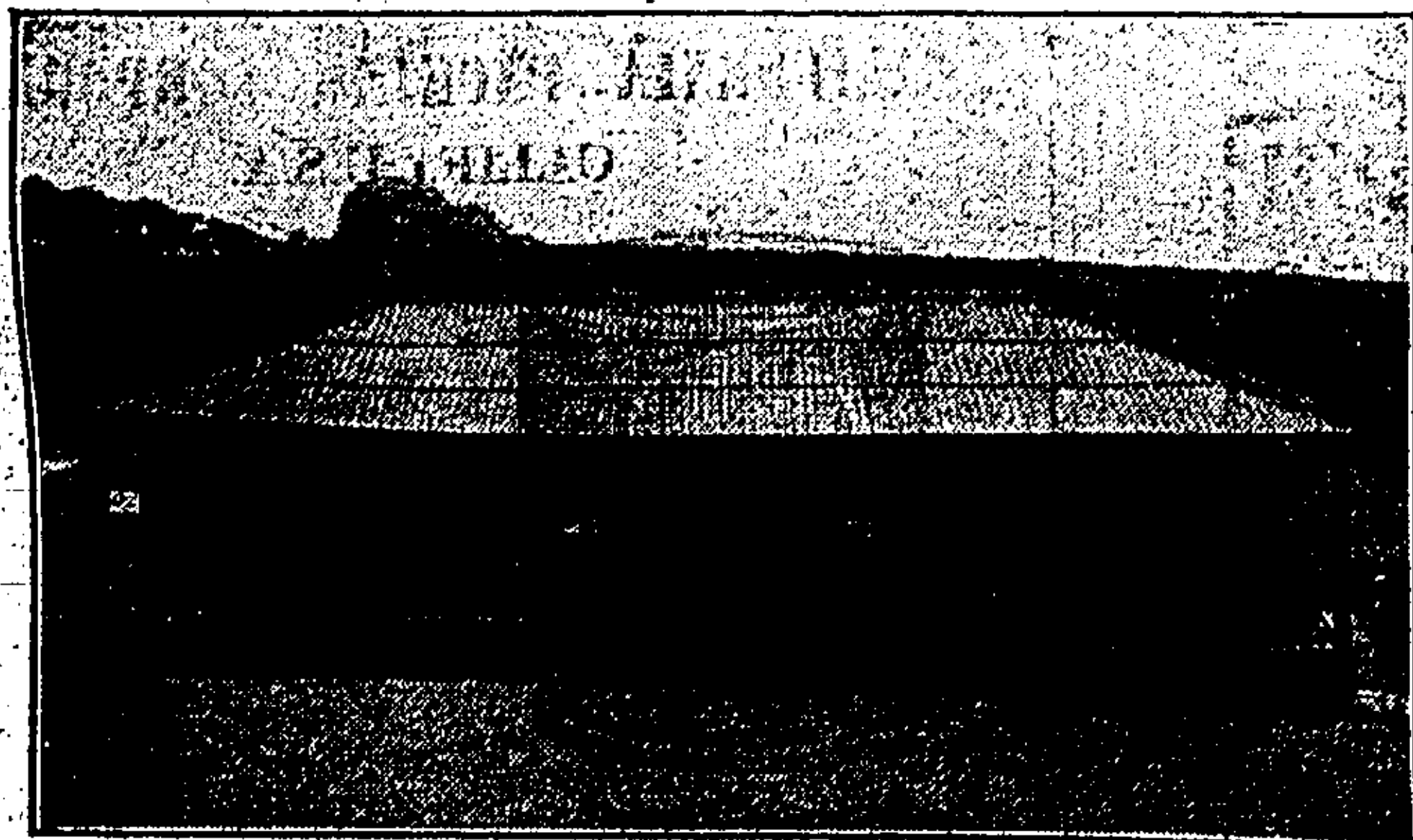
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BOOKS and READERS

MR. GERALD BULLETT'S
NEW NOVEL

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD

At last, into his new, short novel, "The Quick and the Dead" (Heinemann, 6s.), Mr. Gerald Bullett has put the whole of himself. His earlier books have made him known as a novelist and short-story writer with an instinct for cool, clear-cut prose, and an unshakable belief in fiction as a means of crystallizing life's fundamental problems. We have long known that he has the gift of distilling the essence of childhood and adolescence, a direct belief in beauty, and in the natural innocence of men and women, and an equally direct hatred of cruelty, injustice, and culpable ugliness of that sort.

In fact, a courageous directness seems to me to be the quality which distinguishes Mr. Bullett. It comes out in his prose, which is free of all tricks. It comes out in his often disconcerting understanding and dismissal of conventional ideas of religion and morality. It comes out in his choice of characters, which are generally simple people, fundamentally innocent (like the shoe-maker and his wife and son in this book) or inexplicably evil and fendish (like the preacher, Mr. Fleer). All of Mr. Bullett's books have been experiments directed towards one end—to discover some new way of stating the problem which the simultaneous existence of joy and sorrow, beauty and ugliness, good and evil, love and cruelty, sets for mankind. It may be a problem without a solution; but we can at least struggle to get a clear sight of it, that the working philosophy by which we continue to live may not be founded on chaos.

Supernatural Horror.

In Mr. Bullett's philosophy, it seems, man begins in natural innocence, and evil is the result of its perversion. Mr. Fleer, the embodiment of malevolence in "The Quick and the Dead," is the cause of the unhappiness and final supernatural horror which overtakes Shoemaker Calamy and his wife and son. This Fleer is not a person, but a fiend; Mr. Bullett, I surmise, needing an object for his hatred, had to banish every human quality lest his sympathy should betray him.

Mr. Fleer began, most probably, with a reference to Calamy's absence from chapel the previous Sunday evening; and from that point proceeded with oily sorrow to discuss the behaviour of my mother, of which, in fact, he knew nothing but what idle or malicious tongues had told him. I cannot but believe that he got pleasure from his task, and I conceive it to be more important to understand than to blame him for that.

The dilemma is between that last sentence and the hatred that will cut in "with oily sorrow." You can only hate a man if you forget he is human, and so, in spite of that interpolated forgiveness, Mr. Fleer inevitably becomes inhuman—a ghoul, an unforgettable horror. And yet his evil essence is extracted from conventional piety, chastity, and respectability.

A Strange Heroine.

On the other hand, Essie Calamy, the shoe-maker's wife, although in the first year of her marriage she allowed a secret lover to father her son, and told the truth about it to Calamy seven years afterwards, yet retained unhurt her husband's wondering affection, her own innocence and happiness, and her love for the real father. She is as truly beautiful a creature as even Mr. Bullett has portrayed for us, her beauty untold and revealing itself in flashes as the tale goes on. But she is (like love itself), in the words of conventional piety, chastity, and respectability, a sinner, and under the rebukes of these unsparring virtues—under the baneful eyes of Fleer—she sickens, is deformed, and dies.

Space will not allow me to tell more of the story. The book is written in the form of a man's memory of his boyhood, and the golden air of the dream of the past is most delicately recorded. For I am sure that the mild, wise, humorous, and loving old shoe-maker is not an even better example of the art of character drawing than Essie herself. In "The Quick and the Dead," Mr. Bullett has done justice to all four—the writer, the poet, the humanist, and the child that live in him. Frank Rendall in John O'London's Weekly.

MR. SQUIRE'S STORIES

Mr. J. C. Squire, who has long been known as a poet, a critic, and an editor, now appears for the second time as a writer of short stories, and not, as one might expect, poetical or intellectual stories, but pieces in a light, popular manner. The stories in "Outside Eden" (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.), are hardly to be taken seriously, perhaps, by the reviewer. They are not badly written, nor are they brilliantly written. They are the sort of pieces a writer throws off in the intervals of more serious work. But there is one good story of a Cockney tipster who tips a man a winner that he pretends to back and doesn't, with disastrous results, and there is also a stimulating piece of satirical comedy, "Professor Gabbit's Revolution," in which the Shakespeare-Bacon business is mercilessly handled. The best piece, however, is the shortest; a slight sketch of a man who came unobtrusively, day after day, to read in the British Museum, not speaking much to anyone and "looking like a very respectable Continental shopkeeper." His name was Vladimir Ulianoff; otherwise Lenin.

MURDERS

MR. BROOKS' NEW STORY.

The only complaint about "Mr. Daddy—Detective," by Mr. Collin Brooks (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.), is that there is not enough of Mr. Daddy in it. He makes an excellent entry into the book, with his mild manner and his knowledge of the oddities of London topography, and then disappears for far too long, in fact until the story is almost told. Mr. Brooks will have to think and work a little harder before he writes as good a story as his natural talents lead one to expect from him. He should know that it does no good to dub a detective-inspector "Doleful" Dabenhams and then give him no special character in either speech or manner. His failure here is due to no want of skill in characterization, since the elusive Mr. Daddy is quite convincing. It must be due to the erroneous belief that an epithet is enough. Edgar Wallace, from whom this trick is obviously borrowed, knew much better than that. Mr. Brooks also knows much better, as the bulk of his entertaining book amply shows.

"The Motor Rally Mystery."

There is a limit to the ingenuity and complication of the murders which can be admitted in detective stories and I think that Mr. John Rhode has by a little overstepped it in "The Motor Rally Mystery" (Collins, 7s. 6d.). In agree that the detective story is in essence a fairy-story and that one does not expect it to conform to the realities of life. But it does use the machinery of real life, not of some other world, for its development, and it ought not to make one think a hundred times that no murderer in his senses would employ a method which involved a hundred chances to one against his victim even being killed. Of course, in Mr. Rhode's book, as in all books of this sort, one begins with the death, and in Mr. Rhode's books of the sort, one is inevitably drawn on to admire the process of detection. But though I was thus drawn on to the end of this book, I venture to put in a plea for simpler murders.

Sydney Fowler's Complicated Story.

Mr. Sydney Fowler is too good, and not quite good enough, for what he has attempted in "Arresting Delia" (Jarrolds, 7s. 6d.); he cannot quite allow his hand to be subdued to what it works in. He wants to work a complicated plot and he wants to manipulate characters with living and interesting motives, and he cannot quite manage both. He does each by flashes, and each in its turn well, but he never gets them to agree. However, no one who reads his account of how a young lady paused between register office and honeymoon to look in at her "let furnished" flat and there found a bleeding corpse, but will pursue the mystery to the end.

"The Fellowship of Five."

There are no murders in "The Fellowship of Five" by Mr. Frank Johnston (Long, 7s. 6d.), only a demonstration of what mugs make up the racing community in this country. Five Mancunians are depicted to balance their country's hopeless Budget by ingenious frauds on this country's race-course, and they succeed. I do not suppose that the story would pass the examination of an expert, but what does that matter?

I recommend also "P.C. Richardson's First Case," by Sir Basil Thomson (Edon, 7s. 6d.), and "Edward Sharpe in John O'London's Weekly."

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Diana Wynyard, whose selection to play the leading feminine role was a stroke of genius

The curtain goes up, at the London premiere of "Cavalcade" of a real behind-the-scenes comedy-drama. It is all hard fact, but to me it is more romantic, and far more astonishing, than any piece of film fiction. Here is a brief "scenario" of the whole affair:—

ACT ONE: An unknown (and unhonoured) official of Fox Film purchases the screen rights of "Cavalcade" from Noel Coward for about £30,000.

ACT TWO: Fox Film discover that they have bought an English patriotic spectacle. Consternation in the studios. Several script writers are set to work on the play with instructions to put some American "pep" into it.

ACT THREE: Frank Borzage, a hundred per cent. American, is appointed director, and sails for London to find out what it's all about. He sees the play, and has a complete sound-film record made of it.

ACT FOUR: Winfield Sheehan, one of the pioneers of the Fox company, returns to power after a brief absence and ejaculates: "What the—?"

ACT FIVE: Frank Borzage told not to bother. Frank Lloyd, noted Hollywood director of British birth, asked to take over. American ideas and artists rejected.

ACT SIX: America says "Sheehan is mad."

ACT SEVEN: New York premiere of all British "Cavalcade." America asks, "Is Sheehan mad?"

ACT EIGHT: Triumphant success of "Cavalcade" throughout the United States. American says, "Isn't Sheehan wonderful?"

ACT NINE: London premiere of "Cavalcade."

ACT TEN: (This one depends on you.)

Observe that the turning-point in the drama is ACT FOUR. The return of Winfield Sheehan (known to his casual acquaintances as "Winnie") saved the film "Cavalcade" from being a venting a travesty of the original fare. He found that they had practically rewritten the play from the American angle. The Boer War had disappeared, and the Great War was to have been fought by American troops. He was told that the less enlightened sections of the American populace, or to put it bluntly, the "hicks," would not swallow a pageant of British history. He replied: "Cavalcade" must be English or nothing." It might easily have been nothing, for the scrapping of a £30,000 play would be a small matter compared with the loss on an unsuccessful £300,000 film.

Courage and Vision.

But Sheehan had courage and vision. In fact he had more than that. He had the gambler's instinct for making a good throw. He threw his firm's £300,000 into his all-British "Cavalcade," and he will undoubtedly get it back for them with substantial interest on the money and on the prestige involved. Big films are generally made by gamblers. Howard Hughes gambled \$800,000 on "Hell's Angels," and "Junior" Laemmle put half a million on "All Quiet on the Western Front." Neither of them has any reason to regret taking a chance. Their risks, however, were relatively slight, and so were the risks of Douglas Fairbanks, D. W. Griffith, Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin in pouring fortunes into their big pictures. Sheehan is the greatest gambler of them all. How could he possibly know that the American masses would fall for "Cavalcade"? He must have realised that the completed film would either be a great success or a sensational "flop." It was an even chance, one way or the other. Yet he took it, and persisted in it in the face of a regular barrage of criticism. I should never have suspected him of the qualities essential to such an enterprise. When he visited London during his brief absence from the Fox production throne I found him a typical American business man—square-jawed, hardheaded and dogmatic. He looked as if he had the force to stand up to any kind of opposition, but hardly the vision to see a success in what, by all ordinary standards, might just as easily have been a failure. Maybe his greatest asset is that gambling instinct. At all events it is to Sheehan that we owe the Englishness of "Cavalcade." Whether we like the film or not, we have to thank him for preventing a travesty of the original.

Another Gamble.

The selection of Diana Wynyard for the principal feminine role in "Cavalcade" was one of Sheehan's minor triumphs. Hundreds of candidates were tested in the part, and expert Hollywood opinion favoured either Ann Harding or Irene Dunne, both fine actresses but both handicapped by pronounced American accents. Sheehan alone stood out for Miss Wynyard, carrying his point despite strong opposition. His reward is her performance, which has been generously praised by the New York critics. I am told that her rendering of the part is extremely restrained, and much less declamatory than that of Mary Clare in the stage version. It is strange to think that American filmgoers have been enthusing over Miss Wynyard for some time, while we in her own country have not yet had the opportunity of seeing her on the screen. After "Cavalcade" you will see her with the Barrymores in "Rasputin and the Empress" (which is coming to the Empire towards the middle of next month), and then in "Reunion in Vienna," the Lunt-Fontanne stage success now being filmed by M.G.M. I hear that her status as a British citizen has caused passport trouble. She has had to get special permission from Washington in order to stay in Hollywood for "Reunion in Vienna."

BUSTER KEATON SAYS "AU REVOIR"

ENTER "SCHNOZZLE"

AFTER the pending presentation of his latest comedy, "What, No Beer?" Buster Keaton will vanish from the screen for months, maybe a year or even more.

His association with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company has ended.

It was under this studio's banner that Buster won all his greatest successes of the last ten years.

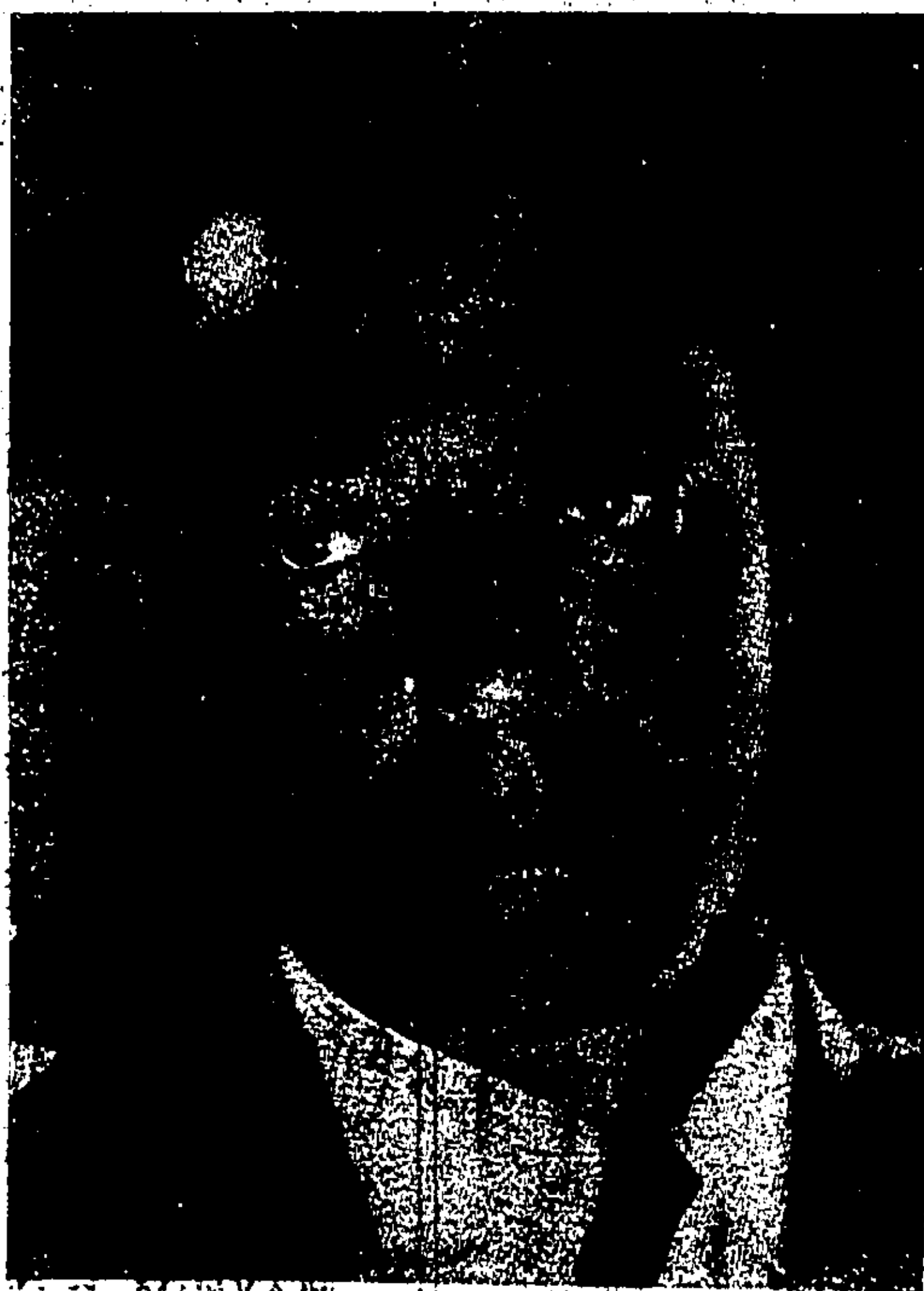
He was responsible for his own productions. Little, if any, interference came from the caliphs who sat on high.

For a time the hold he had established on public affection carried his pictures to fair success.

Then a significant thing happened.

Metro-Goldwyn, abandoning their old policy of non-interference in Keaton productions, assigned Jimmy (Schnozzle) Durante as a comedy reinforcement to Buster.

"Schnozzle" shared the humour responsibilities in "The Passionate Plumber" and "Speak Easily." He is also in "What, No Beer?"



Buster Keaton

"LEFT ALONE"

They learned to leave him alone. He responded to their generous treatment by contriving pictures that packed the world's cinemas.

The money flowed in. The profits mounted. The caliphs smiled benignly. All was well.

But this millennium occurred in the old silent days, when Buster Keaton's frozen face and lazy demeanour even challenged the popularity won by Charlie Chaplin's livelier antics.

With the coming of the talkies Keaton's brand of humour lost much of its old appeal.

Fashion demanded that wisecracks should supplant silent clowning—and Buster was not born a Groucho.

None of Buster Keaton's talkies has achieved the degree of success won by his "silents," and recently whatever credit has been rationed out by the critics has been mostly directed to Durante's efforts.

Now Keaton and Metro-Goldwyn are parting company and the comic is announcing plans for a long holiday embracing Central and South America.

Poor Buster! I don't expect his bank balance totals a cent more than \$250,000.

"LIKE SNOW"

Philip Slessor, a journalist friend of mine, submitted a scenario dealing with drug smuggling against a background of wild farce. The title was, "It Looks Like Snow"—which adequately suggests

the kind of story which Slessor had written.

Having expressed themselves favourably impressed by the scenario, the film company concerned decided to seek the censor's sanction before proceeding with the production.

THE CENSOR SPEAKS

The censor adopted a touchingly benevolent attitude in expressing his disapproval of "It Looks Like Snow."

He pointed out that drug smuggling as a theme was taboo, but surely the author could overcome such an obstacle by substituting saccharine for the offending drugs!

The idea of saccharine-running as the basis of a wild farce is not without its own especial humour.

P.S.—The projected film of "It Looks Like Snow" has been abandoned.

"LENS LIZARD"

Did you know? That the shout of "Save 'em!" in a film studio means "Put the lights."

That "iris in" and "iris out" indicate the gradual fading or illuminating of a scene on the screen through a widening or decreasing circle.

That a "lens lizard" is an artist who continually tries to get his face before the camera.

That a "dolley shot" is a shot made with a moving camera.

That a "stand in" is a person who closely resembles a star and is employed as a substitute for lighting and focusing.

That a "wand shot," "sliding parallel," or "wiper dissolve" indicates a bar or wand passing across the screen, allowing another picture to appear.

That "zooming up" means a camera roving up quickly to an object.

These definitions come from the dictionary of studio terms in "The World Film Encyclopedia," a new and all-embracing guide to screen affairs which has just been published.

HARDY--THEN LAUREL

Oliver Hardy, the fat half of Laurel and Hardy, awoke to find a hold-up man poking a revolver into his face.

"If you make a sound the talkies are going to need a new comedian," said the burglar, who proceeded to ransack the Hardy home. That job completed, he returned to Hardy's bedside, announced that he meant to raid Stan Laurel's house next—and demanded the address.

Whether Stan suffered the same fate as Oliver is not disclosed by "Continued on next column."

the "Hollywood Reporter," which prints this story.

THE NEWS REEL

Marjorie Rambeau is returning to the screen in "Strictly Personal."

"Buddy" Rogers is staging a screen comeback in a number of Fox musical productions.

"Chic" Sale will appear for the first time without his rural make-up—in "Lucky Dog."

High above St. Moritz scenes are

now being shot for the new Jack Hulbert-Cleely Courtneidge comedy.

"Raquel Torres can't stand trams," and "Gloria Stuart is a talented wood carver," announce Press agents.

Una Merkel claims she was the first actress to appear in a talkie—"Love's Old Sweet Song"—made early in 1924.

Since he specialised in horror roles involving heavy make-up Boris ("Frankenstein") Karloff's hair is turning grey.



Oliver Hardy and Stan Laurel

MOTHERHOOD ON THE SCREEN

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL BAN

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 7.—The L.C.C., after viewing an American film called "Life Begins," all the action of which takes place in a maternity home, has refused to allow it to be shown in London. They found it "too gruesome."

The picture had already been banned by the Film Censors.

The members of the L.C.C. committee were not unanimous. "I thought the film was one of the best American productions I have ever seen, and it was to me a very welcome change from the sort of thing we are getting from Hollywood," said Dr. S. W. Jaeger, one of the committee and a former Mayor of Shoreditch.

"When you consider the big campaign we have had over here against maternal mortality and maternal morbidity, I think the public exhibition of the picture would have had a very beneficial effect in helping our propaganda. It shows that the proper place for the more unfortunate types of woman is not a slum dwelling but a properly equipped hospital."

There is no sex appeal about it. The better side of all the characters comes out.

Col. Harry Day, another member of the committee, was of the same opinion. "The majority felt," he explained, "that the film might adversely affect expectant mothers. I do not agree with them. I liked the film though there are one or two harrowing scenes."

"Life Begins" may still be shown in the provinces if passed by the local authorities. The film, which was made by First National Pictures, has proved popular in America. Loretta Young and Eric Linden play the principal parts.

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PICTURES!

STARS WHO FORGET THEY ARE WOMEN

JESSE LASKY DENOUNCES THE TROUSER FASHION

(Special Air-Mail Service)

London, March 11.

Jesse Lasky, the famous producer who supervises pictures for the Fox Film Co., has spoken against masculine clothes for women film stars.

In a letter addressed to Hollywood film chiefs he says:

"It persisted in this vogue will destroy the very foundation upon which all motion-picture drama is based—the retention of womanly attractiveness and charm."

Mr. Lasky thinks that immediately having to look to the picture industry, by stars, who forget they are women, they

parade in men's attire." He adds:

"I will continue to engage for my pictures only those actresses who retain their feminine charm, regardless of how popular the trousers vogue may grow."

"For many years we have made it our business in Hollywood to exploit the desirable qualities in women."

"We have made the American girl the most popular and most attractive of her sex in the world."

"We have preserved the traditional charm of her sex by clothing her as a desirable woman should be clothed."

"Now, mainly through the actions of a few, the romantic structure of motion pictures is threatened."

"This situation is perhaps only a passing fancy, but even as such it should be stopped to the strictest disciplinary action. I sincerely ask all film executives to support this move."

Mr. Lasky has changed the story of a film now in production expressly with the object of ridiculing the trouser vogue.

The film is called "The Warrior's Husband," and describes how some Amazon woman takes the place of men and rule them with a rod of iron. Elissa Landi and Ernest Truex are in the film.

Mr. Lasky has a "trouser fan" among his own recently acquired stars—Lillian Harcourt.

The masculine vogue in clothes originated with Marlene Dietrich and speedily became a craze among stars.

Mr. Lasky is so serious about it that he thinks of inserting a clause in contracts forbidding actresses to appear in public dressed in trousers.

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Charles
FARRELL
in
TESS of the
STORM COUNTRY
Directed by Alfred Santell
FOX PICTURE

FILM STARS SEEK
ECLIPSE

MADE ENOUGH TO RETIRE

Five important stars will retire
from the screen within the next
year, according to a well-known
Hollywood authority. They are
Ramon Novarro, Ronald Colman,
Clive Brook, Ruth Chatterton (with
her husband, George Brent), and
Constance Bennett.

Mr. Colman is now making "The
Masquerader," based on "John
Chilcote, M.P." That, according
to Hollywood gossip, will prob-
ably be the last picture in which he
will be seen for at least two years.

His contract with Sam Goldwyn
has still some time to run, but it
is suggested that he may "sit it
out." Recently he gave notice that
he was bringing a \$2,000,000 suit
against the producer for issuing
certain publicity matter implying
that he acted better under the in-
fluence of alcohol; and his friends
say that Mr. Colman is in earnest,
and not merely lending himself to a
publicity stunt, as was at first
suggested.

Lure of Movie Gold.

Mr. Brook plans to give up
screen acting altogether. "To be
frank," he is reported as saying,
"I was tempted to come here by
movie gold. I planned on giving
up acting when I had enough to
live comfortably for the rest of my
life, and devoting myself to several
other hobbies in which I am equal-
ly interested. Writing, for in-
stance. I was a journalist and
short-story writer for years before
I became an actor."

Novarro wants to devote him-
self to singing. "The Man from
the Nile," he says, will be his last
picture. He intends to come to
Europe and appear on the concert
platform and in opera.

Constance Bennett is equally em-
phatic. "I have made a good deal
of money out of my stardom," she
admits. "I adore travel and a
life of calm leisure. Why, then,
should I hang on to the hard work
of being a movie star? Henri [the
Marquis de la Falsaise, her hus-
band] and I are going to the
South of France to live."

Miss Chatterton's departure will
also involve that of George Brent,
her husband. She wants to live
more quietly, and says that if she
wants to go on acting she prefers
the stage.

It all sounds dreadfully final.
But tempers change, leisure pale,
and it will not be very surprising
if 1934 finds some of the five still
on the screen.

FILM STAR HATES
DRESSING

JOAN BLONDELL PREFERS
SWEATER AND SLACKS

So far Joan Blondell has man-
aged to star in pictures which have
shown her cast in definitely "un-
dressed" parts. But now, in the
latest film which she is making,
Joan has to appear in 18 gorgeous
gowns, and this is what she said
to Reuters: "Hollywood representa-
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CHARLES LAUGH-
TON'S FUTURE

(Special Air-Mail Service)

LONDON, March 14.
Many have been the rumours,
and direct statements, too, that
Mr. Charles Laughton will never
again be seen on the stage owing
to his great success on the films.

Last night writes the film critic
a London paper I happened to
have a talk with Mr. Laughton.
"Leave the stage!" he said.
"Never! When you have acting in
your bones, as it were, you can
never leave the stage. Film work
is profitable and interesting. But
one doesn't get the same sort of
satisfaction out of it."

Mr. Laughton thinks that the
stage, unlike the films, lacks first-
rate business men. "The business
methods of the film magnates have
been sneered at and burlesqued,"
he said, "but in many ways they
are extraordinarily efficient."

Mr. Laughton is at the moment
hardly prepossessing in appearance,
for his cheeks are covered with
untidy bristles. He is growing a
beard in order to play Henry
VIII. I remember the late Arthur
Bourchier growing a beard for the
same purpose. It so disguised him
that he did not recognise me.

Oast as Henry VIII.

Mr. Charles Laughton, who last
year went to America to appear
for the first time in a film, is to
play the part of Henry VIII. in
a new British production to be
made before Mr. Laughton's re-
turn to Hollywood.

Mr. Guy Bolton is to write the
scenario, and although Henry will
be seen in company with Anne
Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of
Cleves, and Catherine Howard, it
is not the intention of the pro-
ducer, Mr. Alexander Korda, to
make a historical film. The film
will be issued under the title of
"The Fourth Wife of Henry VIII."

The success of "Cavalcade" has led
to the engagement by the Fox Film
Company of a number of British
actors and actresses to appear in
the screen version of Mr. John L.
Balderson's play, "Berkeley Square."

Mr. Frank Lloyd, who brought
Mr. Coward's play to the screen,
will direct the picture under the
invasion of Mr. Jesse L. Lasky.
Dinner at Eight, the play by Mr.
George S. Kaufman and Miss
Edna Ferber, now running at the
Palace, is also to be transferred to
the screen.

live on the subject:—
"I truly don't think I'm the
type to be a clothes horse. When
I was in High School I did go
through a stage of wanting to
dress up all the time and go to
parties, but I just did it because
the other girls did it—and, I
thought I had to try to be popu-
lar."

"Now I've learned that it pays
to be myself at all times—and my
idea of my real self does not in-
clude going after any 'best-dressed'
woman's titles. I'm far happier
out of doors in lounging clothes
or hiking togs."
"Off stage" Joan Blondell usual-
ly wears just a sweater and a
skirt—or a pair of slacks.

TO-MORROW

ARTHUR WONTNER AND
ISLA BEVAN IN

THE SIGN
OF FOUR

CONAN DOYLE'S
GREATEST
SHERLOCK
HOLMES
ADVEN-
TURE



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DIVORCES ON PARADE

FILM HOLLYWOOD HAS NOT YET MADE

CLOSE-UPS FROM REAL LIFE

The film that Hollywood has not
yet made is the film of Hollywood's
private lives—Divorces on Parade.
There were 103 prominent divorces
in Hollywood last year, and the
alleged grounds given by couples
wishing to break their marriage
bonds were of an incredible
variety which would have made them fit
subjects for "the pictures."
Vivian Duncan sought freedom
from Nils Asther—the Scandinavian
star—because he spoke Swedish to
his mother!
Close-up: Jealous Wife. Strong-
minded Mother and Husband ex-
changing asides in strange tongue.
A wife in Mayfair or Manchester
would probably settle such a differ-
ence outside the Divorce Court.
This is almost impossible in Holly-
wood, where a constant high light
illuminates the unprivate lives of
studio darlings.

WHY BRIDGE IS BARRED

Let a star frown at his wife in
public, be it ever so slightly—and
for this reason Hollywood rarely
plays bridge—or smile at another
girl, and he and she are already as
good as divorced: "hot gossip"
columns see to that.

Add to this the relentless strain
of filming; the ups and downs of
acting couples—success of the one,
embitterment of the other; pity,
jealousy, interference; and you
have all the ingredients of the hot
pot.

Lowell Sherman says Helene
Costello called him a "ham actor."
Helene simply "feared for her
life." Obviously a case of film
strain.

Mary Poulson says Bull Montana
"made faces at her."
One star divorced her husband
because his brother lived with
them; another because he borrowed
money from her mother; and an-
other overheard her spouse state
that "she was an awful actress."

Big stars like Ruth Chatterton,
Gloria Swanson, Tom Mix, or King
Vidor do not give their reasons.

JUST CRUELTY

Cruelty—unqualified, naturally—is
the alleged ground for a number
of cases, among these: Natalie
Talmadge and Buster Keaton, Jean
Harlow, Charles McGrew. Similar-
ly, Helen Twelvetrees, Billie Dove,
Helen Lubitch, and Josephine
Dunn are alleged to have parted
from their mates under this Holly-
wood complex.

Monte Banks, who married
Gladys Frazer in England, wins
sympathy by stating his alleged
grounds as "her chronic disappear-
ances."

Esther Mair has somehow been
disgruntled ever since her husband
tore her dress off a dance, and a
distracted little wife sums up the
situation by leaving her husband
because he has "gone Hollywood."

CURRENT PICTURES IN LOCAL THEATRES

"FIVE STAR FINAL"
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"Five Star Final," the First
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the star gives one of the finest
performances of the year. His
portrayal of the managing editor
of a scandal sheet, who finally re-
bels against the policy of the paper
to wreck lives for the sake of boost-
ing circulation, is dynamic and in-
tensely human.

The brilliant support includes
Marian Marsh, H. B. Warner, An-
thony Bushell, George E. Stone,
Frances Starr, Ona Munson, Boris
Karloff, Robert Elliott, Alina Mac-
Mahon, Purnell Pratt, David Tor-
rence, Oscar Apfel, Gladys Lloyd,
Evelyn Hall and Harold Wald-
ridge.

Louis Weitzkorn is the author
of the play which electrified
Broadway. Screen adaptation is
by Byron Morgan and Robert Lord.
Mervyn Le Roy, who directed Mr.
Robinson in "Little Caesar,"
directed "Five Star Final."



John Barrymore scores another
triumph in "Svengali" now show-
ing at the Queen's Theatre.

AMERICAN MADNESS
STORY OF A RUN ON
A BANK

A rumour started it—Run on the
Bank! Frenzied thousands swept
by one mad desire to get their
money—nothing could stop them—
no word—no plea—no reason. It
grew like a seed in fertile soil—
spouting calamity on a thousand
idle tongues until it reached pro-
portions of great enormity, and
came perilously near bringing de-
struction into the lives of thousands.
Such is the situation that pre-
sents itself in "American Mad-
ness," the Columbia picture coming
next Sunday to the Queen's
with Walter Huston, Pat O'Brien,
Constance Cummings, Kay John-
son and Gavin Gordon. It proves
in a strikingly dramatic manner
how thoroughly malicious and
dangerous rumour can be—and how
it can mow down lives—fortunes
and souls of people with a destruc-
tive fury that is tremendous.

WHEN BARRYMORE
PLAYED SVENGALI

UP BETIMES MAKING UP

About the time other players in
the case were shutting off alarm
clocks, John Barrymore arrived at
Warner Bros. studios each morning
during the filming of his latest pic-
ture, "Svengali," which comes to
the Queen's Theatre to-day.

Promptly at seven the big car
pulled up in front of his dressing
rooms and Barrymore got out,
greeted by yawning make-up men
who had to be there a half hour
earlier than the star each day.

Two hours later "Svengali"
emerged from the dressing room to
be driven to the stage where pro-
duction was in progress. Filming
began promptly at nine o'clock,
with Archie Mayo, the director,
and the supporting cast.

The long pointed beard, the
matted and unkempt hair, the ac-
quiline nose with the hump in it,
all these had to be duplicated day
after day so that Svengali in one
scene should be just like the Sven-
gali in another.

To reach the studio at seven each
morning, it was necessary for
Barrymore to be awake at five
thirty. Only in emergencies is the
Barrymore household ordinarily so
early astir. It is on record that
the star met the milk man deliver-
ing milk for little Dolores Ethel
Mae, his nine months' old daugh-
ter, for the first time while "Sven-
gali" was claiming his early morn-
ing attention to business.

Marian Marsh, Mr. Barrymore's
leading lady, is considered the
cinema find of the year. Her ex-
quisite, childlike beauty, together
with her rare talent for impersona-
tion makes her Trilby one of the
loveliest creations to be seen any-
where.

The cast includes Bramwell
Fletcher, Donald Crisp, Lumsden
Hare, Carmel Myers, Luis Alberni,
Feriike Boros, Andrienne D'Ambri-
court and Paul Porcasi. Archie
Mayo directed.

"TESS OF THE STORM
COUNTRY"

FILM WITH STRONG CAST

Dudley Digges has been promoted
from an avuncular to a parental
role. The actor, who scored as
Janet Gaynor's kindly uncle in
"The First Year," is again seen
with the ill-fated star. This
time as her sea-going father, in
"Tess of the Storm Country," re-
cently appearing at the King's The-
atre.

Charles Farrell is co-starred with
Miss Gaynor in "Tess," a romance
of the New England coast, said to
be one of the most exciting of the
this noted pair's offerings. Alfred
Santell directed the picture, ad-
apted from the Grace Miller White
novel and Rupert Hughes' dis-
tillation. Besides Digges, the sup-
porting players include: Clive
Gillingwater, June Clyde, Edward
Pawley, George Meeker, and George
Kemp. S. N. Borison and Sonya
Levien wrote the screen play.

"ONCE IN A
LIFETIME"

AMUSING SATIRE ON FILM
INDUSTRY

The day of the "overnight suc-
cess" on the screen is a thing of
the past.

This is the belief of Sidney Fox,
the diminutive star who is ap-
pearing at the Central Theatre to-
day in "Once in a Lifetime." Uni-
versal's hilarious satire on film
production in the Hollywood
studios.

Miss Fox heads the cast with
Jack Oakie, while other players in
important roles are Aline Mac-
Mahon, Russell Hopton, Zasu
Pitts, Louise Fazenda and many
other popular screen players. The
picture, adapted from the play by
Moss Hart and George S. Kauf-
man, was directed by Russell Mack.

TO-DAY AT THE
CINEMA

HONG KONG

King's. "Tess of the Storm Country."

Queen's. "Svengali."

Central. "Once in a Lifetime."

Oriental. "Law and Order."

KOWLOON

Star. "Condemned to Death."

Majestic. "Outside the Law."

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King's. "The Sign of Four."

Queen's. "Street Scene."

Central. "American Madness."

Oriental. "3 Wise Girls."

Star. "A Bill of Divorcement."

Star. "Nagasaki."

Star. "Explorers of the World."

Star. "Private Lives."

Star. "Black Coffee."

Star. "Ben Hur."

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Tai Tak. "A Married Woman."

Chung Wah. "A Passport to Hell."

Wing Hon. "Fight for Freedom Cause."

Pearl Theatre. "Grand Hotel."

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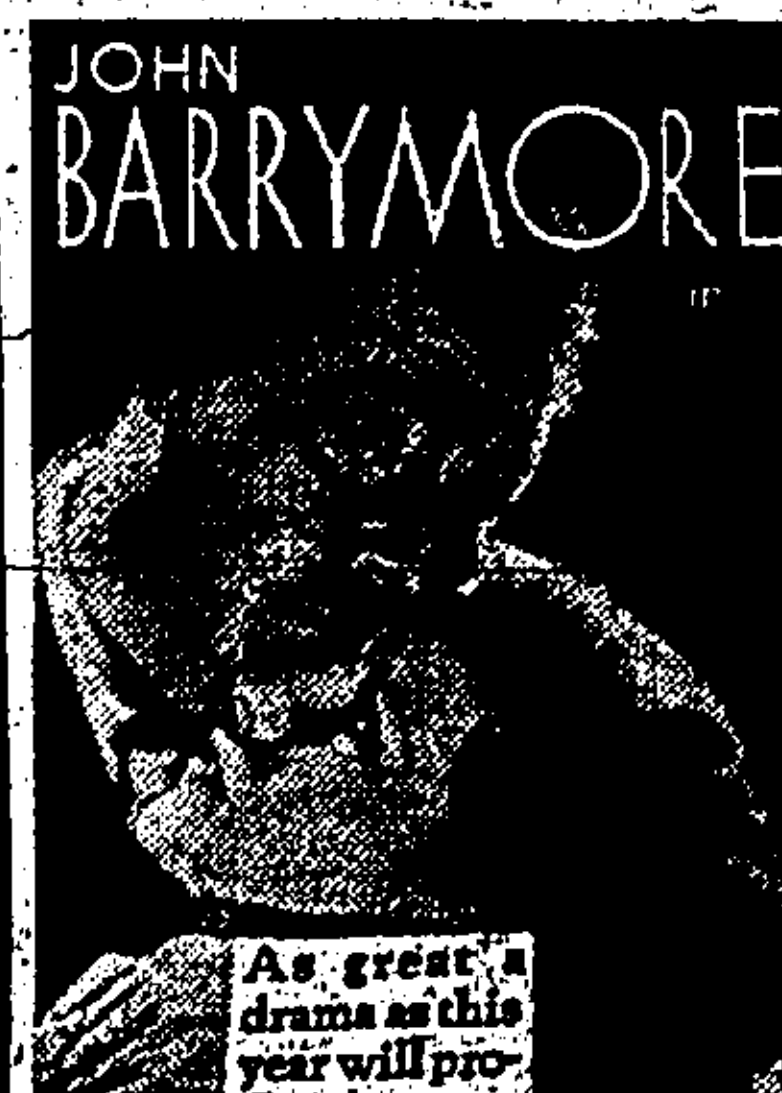
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INTERESTING PAPER BY DR. KOTEWALL
AT ENGLISH ASSOCIATION

SMALL BEGINNING WHICH LED TO A "VERY FINE LIBRARY"

There was a very large attendance at the Helena May Institute yesterday when the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, O.M.G., read a paper called "Adventures among English books." In the course of his address the speaker related how he began to take an interest in English literature in a small way, and how the timely guidance of a Police Sergeant, who at first appeared a terrible martinet, led him to develop a love for books.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, presided, and others present included Lady Peel, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Southern, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Sir William Hornell, His Honour Mr. Justice Wood, Father Byrne, S.J., the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood and Professor Simpson.

The address was followed by a very interesting discussion during which appreciation was shown for the personal note which Dr. Kotewall introduced into the paper.

DR. KOTEWALL'S SPEECH

Dr. Kotewall said in part:—
This paper is not a treatise on English Literature; nor does it attempt a fresh interpretation of established classics. It is, as its title indicates, a mere narrative of adventures, that have happened during the undirected reading and haphazard book-buying of one to whom English is not the mother-tongue.

My first adventure among English books occurred on the day I left school, and it came about in this way. During my earliest school-days I was rather high-spirited and venturesome. When, therefore, I brought home, on my last day at school, a book which had been awarded me as a prize for good conduct, my father was dumb-founded. Having recovered from his shock, he asked me to name my reward for this surprising feat; and I told him that there was a 3rd. book of history entitled "Epochs of English History" in a book-shop in Hollywood Road, on which I had set my heart for months. My father gave me the money, and I dashed off and secured the coveted volume, with what delight it was my turn to receive a surprise. My father came home with a big parcel which, when opened, revealed to my enchanted eyes three sumptuous volumes, bound in full leather, and profusely illustrated with maps, charts, diagrams and portraits. It was Riddell's "Cyclopaedia of Universal History." This book has been to me not only a mine of historical information, but also one of the most precious of my possessions, because of its sentimental association.

Shortly after this unforgettable event, I lost my father; and necessity compelled me to work for a living. In those days the only other English books I possessed, apart from school books, were the second volume of "Percy's Anecdotes," given to me by an uncle; two bound volumes of the "Family Herald"; a bound volume of the "Gentleman's Magazine"; and a book given me by the same uncle some years before, Foxe's "Book of Martyrs." This last-named book was in three bulky volumes with hundreds of woodcuts illustrating men undergoing various forms of torture. Alas, it is no longer with me. I speak of it with some regret, since at one time it was for us children the one and only picture-book in the house!

A Helpful Guide.

Fortunately, a helpful guide soon came my way. This guide was a police sergeant. A few months after the death of my father, I secured a junior clerkship in the Police Department; but before I had been three months in that position I had a quarrel with the sergeant, or, to be exact, I turned on him in uncontrollable anger for mimicking my halting speech. The sergeant, instead of marking me down for his displeasure as I might have feared, immediately began to take a friendly interest in me. An unusually well-educated man and a discriminating lover of literature, this guardian of law and order had a good collection of books, and he lent me some carefully-selected volumes which opened up to me the glories of Bookland, and led me to further explorations in that magic realm.

Among the books I borrowed from him were, I remember, several volumes of Dickens, Thackeray and Scott; Longfellow's Poems; Lytton's "The Last Days of Pompeii"; Smollett's "Roderick Random"; and "The Beauties of Shakespeare" by that ill-fated divine, William Dodd.

In the advertisement pages of one of the books lent me by the good sergeant, I found mention of W. M. Thackeray, and this led to other "Sweetness and Light" were also published by John Dicks, and cost one shilling each. "Democracy's Readings" treat, artistically and interestingly, with fairly long extracts from their works, of the world's great leaders and philosophers, from Zoroaster and Confucius to Herbert Spencer and Huxley. "Sweetness and Light"

deals, in the same adequate manner, with the works of great authors, from Homer and Virgil to Goethe and Shelley.

The Public Lending Library.

From the Police Library I graduated to the Public Lending Library in the City Hall. My chief of those days, Mr. F. H. (afterwards Sir Henry) May was my surety for enrolment. Among the first few books I took out of that Library was Richard Jeffries' "Wood Magic," which kindled in me, what must have been lying dormant till then, a love of nature and of the open air. This book so whetted my appetite for nature studies and travel-pictures, in both prose and poetry, that for months afterwards I read scarcely anything but works on such and kindred subjects—the works of such master-interpreters of the ways and moods of Nature as Gilbert White, Richard Jefferies and Thoreau; as Stevenson and W. H. Hudson; as Cunningham Graham and Edward Thomas, W. H. Davis and Stephen Graham.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the Public Lending Library. In the early stage of my explorations there I came across a volume of the Scott Library. It was one of about 120 volumes in that series, costing in those days a shilling net each. This series contains such works as Plutarch's "Lives," the Swift's "Prose Writings," the Essays of Schopenhauer, Byron's "Letters and Journal," Hadfield's "Essays," and "scenes of the realm of world literature. The Scott Library, which came out many years before "Everyman" and the "World's Classics," is still in existence; and it is a pity that it is not as well-known as its two later rivals in the field of cheap reprints.

The possession of a large number of books has its disadvantages as well as advantages. The advantage of a well-stocked and well-balanced library is that you have always at hand a number of books adequate to your needs in all circumstances. On the other hand, a multitude of books is apt to confuse and distract the mind. My own experience is that the larger my collection grows, the more I fall into the habit of reading without method, reading one book after another spasmodically and cursorily, to the impairment of my memory. Someone has said: "Beware of the man of one book." Though I am not prepared to limit myself to one book, or to the Complete Shakespeare or the Confucian "Four Books," I doubt not that a few good books thoroughly mastered are better than a large library whose volumes are merely skimmed.

Certain books have been, for one time and another, my bedside companions. I dare say if I mention them, it will be found that they are also the bedside companions of many here to-day. They are books which need not be begun at the beginning, or read to the end. In my younger days Washington Irving's "Sketch Book," Holme's "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," Thackeray's shorter works, and Plutarch's "Lives" were among my favourites. Those volumes which, in later years, have served to give me solace after the day's toil are Palgrave's "Golden Treasury," Boswell's "Johnson," Lamb's "Essays of Elia," "The Oxford Book of English Verse," Goldsmith's "The Citizen of the World," E. V. Lucas's "The Open Road," and Lettice Lamb of Cowper and of Gray. Most of these are what might be called works of serene literature.

But foremost among my bedside books is undoubtedly Hans Andersen. Andersen's Fairy Tales, in one edition or another, has been my bedside companion for a longer period than any other book.

The Result of a Flutter.

I have a set of the "International Library of Famous Literature," edited by Richard Garnett, in 20 volumes, which I acquired at a sale of a friend's library. It is a very fine set, and I have been reading it for some time. It is a pity that it is not as well-known as its two later rivals in the field of cheap reprints.

I went down to the races for the first time after nearly ten years. Almost immediately on entering the enclosure my friend and I, in partnership, invested \$10 in two cash-sweep tickets, one of which won the second or third prize, bringing us nearly \$800. I did not stay to see the next race, but went straight to a Chinese book-shop, and bought a set of the Standard History of China, in 850 volumes, which cost me \$200. With some of the balance of my gain, I ordered from England a second-hand set of the "International Library" for 4 guineas. I may call this adventure a lucky venture.

There is one book in my library which has been the delight of my children for years. It is a large volume of Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor," with coloured drawings by Hugh Thomson. The book shows distinct signs of much wear and tear: the green-cloth cover has turned into yellow in parts; the back is torn at the top, and one or two leaves bear little thumb-marks! One or other of my children has turned to it eagerly and at frequent intervals, especially in time of sickness. The children call it the "Fat-Man-Thin-Man Book," because the artist has brought out Falstaff's bulk with considerable emphasis, in contrast to the slenderness of Master Slender.

In my library is a little case, with a bevelled glass top, in which are kept about forty volumes, all autographed. I treasure these books not only for the eminence of their authors, but also because I have happy memories of the circumstances in which the volumes came into my possession. Among these autographed books is one which I value highly: it is a copy of the "Foundations of Belief" by Mr. A. J. (afterwards Earl) Balfour, which he sent me with an inscription of his good wishes on the fly-leaf. It came to me in a way as pleasing as it was unexpected. In 1911, when I was a junior clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb (now Lord and Lady Passfield) were guests of the then Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Frederick Lugard, at Government House. A kind fate brought them to my humble home; and Mr. Sidney Webb noticed in the living room a framed engraved portrait of Balfour, which I had cut out of a magazine, and a small bust of the philosopher-statesman. He asked me what it was in Mr. Balfour that I admired so much. In trepidation—for, as you know, Mr. Sidney Webb was a Socialist and Mr. Balfour a staunch Conservative—I gave my reason for what it was worth, and to my relief Mr. Sidney Webb expressed concurrence with my humble view. One day, about five months after the Webbs' departure from Hong Kong, there came to me by post the "Foundations of Belief," which I at once knew I owed to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb. I wish I could tell you some of the stories attached to other volumes in that glass-topped book-case, but time does not permit.

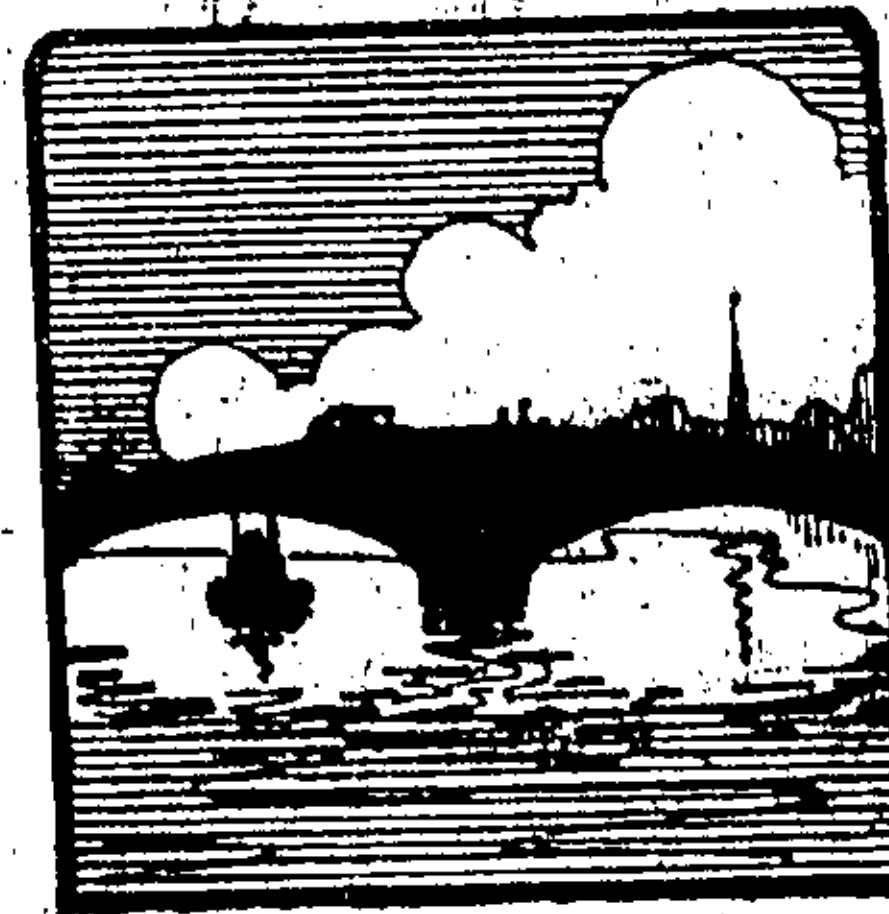
Philosophy and Romance.

On the shelves where I place together my books on philosophy and theology are two volumes on Buddhism by Rhys Davids, and a rather imposing volume called "The Religious Systems of the World." On these three books hangs a story. Just twenty-seven years ago I asked a lady, for the hand of her niece who was also her ward. She said that as the girl was an orphan, I had to obtain the consent of her two uncles, one of whom was in Macao, and one in Yunnan I thought that the lady was unnecessarily particular, since it was she alone who brought up her niece, and had been more than a mother to her. However, I had to bow to her will. I soon found that the uncle in Macao had a strange predilection for the science of divination as taught by modern Taoists. I also found that the other uncle in Yunnan was a devout Buddhist. A craze for some sort of religious practice seemed to afflict the male members of that family. I lost no time in reading up the two religions, so as to be able to talk to the uncles on their pet subjects. If you only knew the number of Chinese books with which I had also to prime myself, you would no doubt regard me as a very persevering man. On top of these I had to please the aunt who, I soon discovered, was fond of listening to tales of romance and adventures. My sixpenny novels came in most useful then. I applied myself diligently to the books of Anthony Hope, Conan Doyle, Maurice Hewlett, Jack London, and many others, including Philip Oppenheim and Tom Gallon. Night after night, month after month, for nearly a year, I told stories to my lady-love, to her aunt, cousins, friends, and even a handful of her admirers. But my dogged perseverance was at last rewarded. Gradually my rivals dropped out, one by one, until I was left, leaving me unchallenged in the field; and the aunt and cousins became more and more benevolently inclined. That I told these stories with embellishments to suit my case, and with astonishing power of improvisation, truth compels me to admit. But is it not that everything is fair in love and

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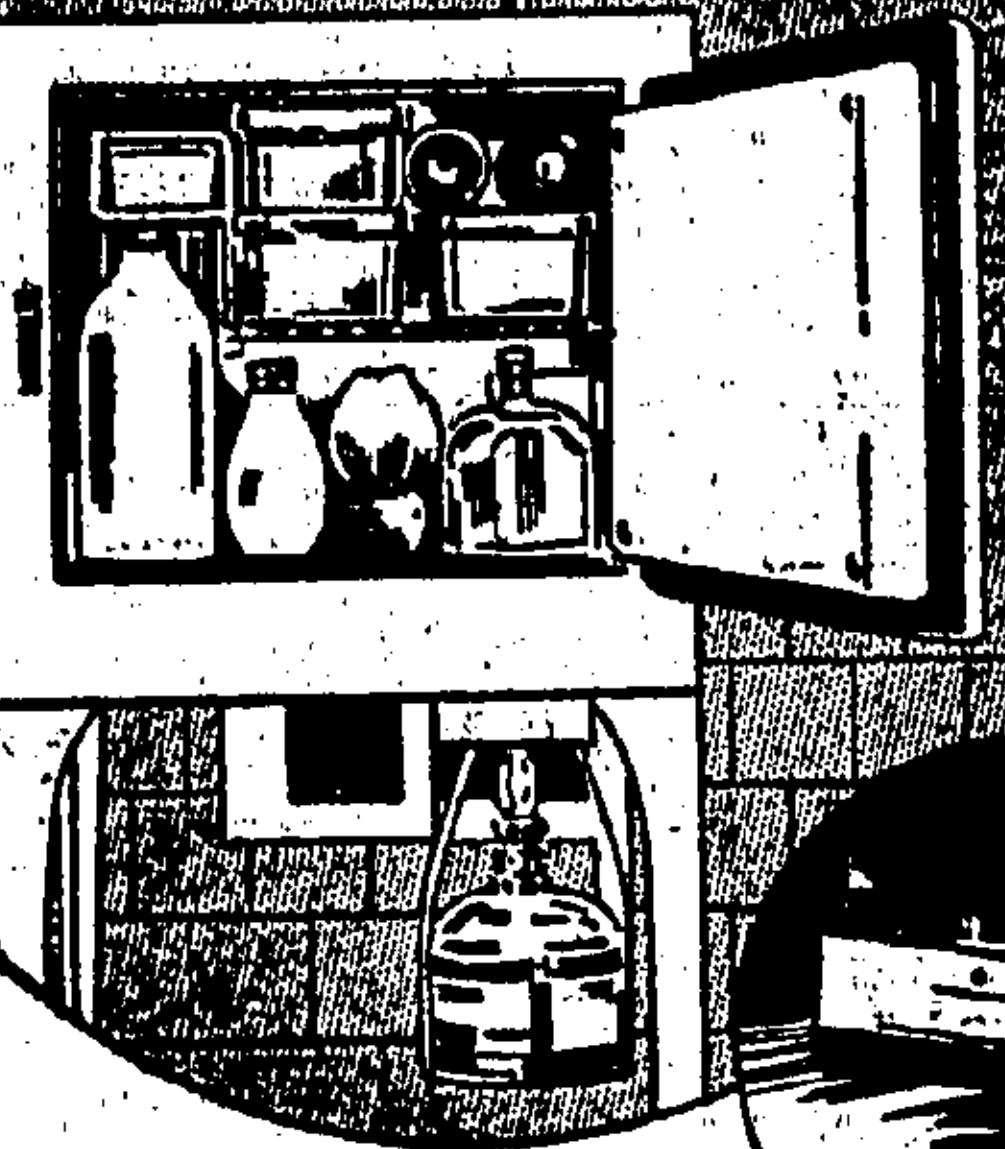
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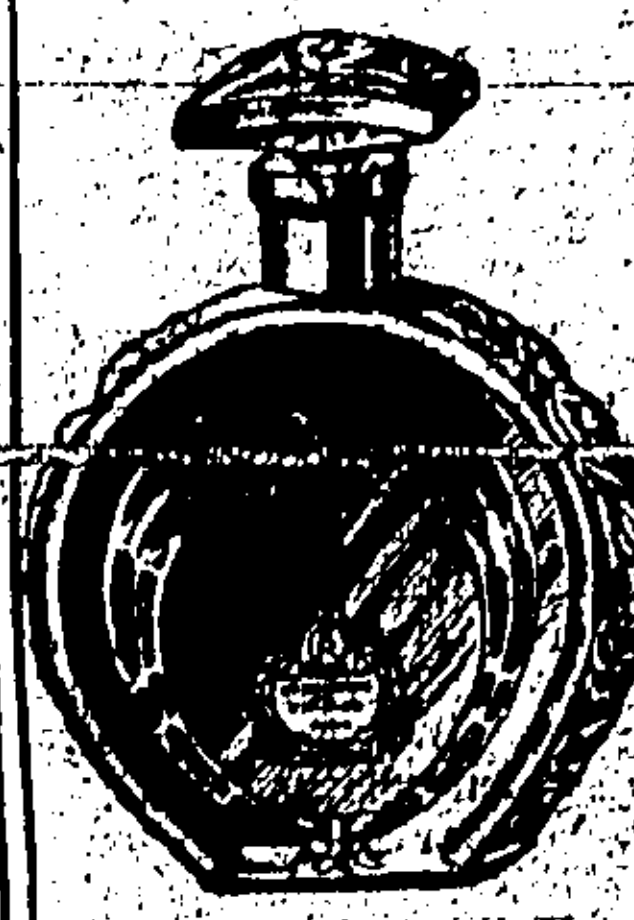
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"GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THINGS"

MR. CHAMPKIN'S WITTY ADDRESS AT THE ROTARY CLUB

ASSISTING LORD SALISBURY WITH QUEEN VICTORIA'S GOVERNMENT

One of the most delightful speeches delivered in the Rotary Club was that given by Mr. O. Champkin yesterday under the title of "Government Offices and Things." The speaker provoked roars of laughter from his hearers and it was a treat to listen to the story of his association with the Civil Service during the latter years of Queen Victoria's reign. The Rotary Club showed its appreciation of the address in no uncertain manner, and when Mr. Champkin resumed his seat the applause was very prolonged.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso presided at the meeting and there were a number of local guests present including Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, Mr. T. M. Hazellings and Mr. W. J. Carrie.

A TALE OF "TEMPORARY WRITERS"

Mr. Champkin said:—
I have noticed lately that people have developed a deplorable habit of minding their own business. I dare say society is all the better for it, but there can be no question that this insidious inclination has dispossessed us in Hong Kong of many of the simple pleasures we formerly enjoyed. (Laughter.) It is probably also responsible for the fact that none of you know, and few of you will care when I tell you, that I spent some active and interesting years in Her late Majesty's Civil Service.

The great majority of the interesting characters I knew have long since gone, or, as a Civil Service poet in my days put it—
"I have quit this earth
for regions brighter
Where the Board of Trade's not
needed and the Treasury's unknown
And Cadets are on a level with
the writer."

A few perhaps still linger on in retirement at Cheltenham, to which ancient city, for some curious reason, most Civil Servants gravitate on retirement. The old cemetery at Cheltenham is a kind of Aeldama of ancient service animosities, where lions like Colonial Secretaries lie down peacefully at the end of their days with lambs like Assistant Clerks of the Abstractor Class and even baa-lambs like Boy Clerks, to which latter lowly grade I formerly belonged.

Fortunately—though somewhat unjustly—I have no government pension (laughter) and after a lapse of some thirty-five years I suppose I am beyond the reach of official reprisals. I feel therefore that I can safely tell you something about the way you were governed from Whitehall in the very spacious days when Queen Victoria was on the throne and Lord Salisbury and myself were quite near neighbours in Westminster. (Laughter.)

I said governed from Whitehall because the Treasury is in Whitehall and where the Treasury is, there the Government is also. I think it was Shenstone—or it may have been Shenton—(laughter)—who said that the proper way of increasing our love for the State is to serve it. After serving in three offices of the State I can say with some confidence that most of the Civil Servants with whom I came in contact found no difficulty in dissembling their love—especially for the most important Department of State, the Treasury. All Civil Servants, from First Class Clerks down to those who actually work, move in their separate orbits round the Treasury. It is the only Government Department that may not be spoken of lightly. The League of Nations, of course, is not to be laughed at—at least not very loudly (laughter)—but no Civil Servants ever joked about the Treasury.

The first office that I worked in was one of the biggest, and from the point of view of the taxpayer, one of the most profitable of the Government Offices, for it was not one of the spending, but one of the Saving Departments. My immediate Chief was a very lugubrious Second Division Clerk. He seemed to be wrapped about in a mantle of mental mournfulness and gloom. He reminded me of an ancient Greek tragedian accompanied by a chorus of shades. He tried to be amiable sometimes, but it was that ghastly kind of amiability that may be found at an Old Boys Dinner (laughter) or a tea-and-bun gathering, as a diocesan conference—things that remind one shudderingly of cold boiled potatoes on a foggy night. (Laughter.) After I left the Department—as a matter of fact it was mainly because I left—he developed rather a sunny disposition (laughter) and years later became, and I am glad to say he still is, one of England's greatest humourists—Mr. W. W. Jacobs, creator of that delightful trio of water-side rascals, Ginger, Dick, and Peter—(laughter)—and Sam—(laughter).

There were about two hundred boys of my age in this office and as soon as I had got down to work I was asked by the Senior Boy for my coupler-bob. I didn't quite know what a coupler-bob was, but it sounded like one of those things used in mending bottom pipes as I explained that I was the new Clerk and not a plumber's mate.

(Laughter.) It appeared, however, that twice a week we were under a kind of moral compulsion to have two shillings, or a couple of bob, on the four o'clock race somewhere or other. The Senior Boy spent the whole morning collecting florins from the staff, that was liberally assumed to have spent the previous evening in an intensive study of "Ruff's Guide to the Turf." The less industrious pinned their faith to Captain Coo's Finals for Hurst Park, Kempton Park or some other Park. These moneys were made up in bags and handed in at twelve noon to a middle-aged Clerk in charge of the Department. He was popularly supposed to transfer them to a redoubt hookmaker in a quiet public house just off Knightbridge Street. (Laughter.) There were dark suggestions, however, that he did nothing of the kind. (Laughter.) All I can say, after a lapse of thirty-seven years, is that on the rare occasions when I backed a winner I was duly paid the odds less the Senior Boy's commission. Unfortunately I did not stay there long enough to become the Senior Boy. (Laughter.)

Speaking of another department where he served, Mr. Champkin said:—

The Empire Reconstruction Office, as I shall conveniently call it, was, and in fact still is, situated in a quiet street opposite a quiet public house in a quiet part of Westminster. (Laughter.)

It seemed to me that there was a reassuring air of repose and tranquillity about it, or perhaps I should say a delightful atmosphere of aimless apathy and low-tensioned lethargy. (Laughter.) I had a very agreeable time there. The Head of the Department was closely related to the peerage but had a profound contempt for the idle rich. (Laughter.) He is now in the House of Lords where I am sure he spends most of his time in the Smoking Room extolling the virtue of working for a living. (Laughter.) It was part of my duties to make his afternoon tea. In return he gave me some invaluable hints on the colouring of meerschaum pipes. (Laughter.) He smoked a meerschaum in preference to a briar because when he dropped it on the marble floor he was saved the effort of picking it up. (Loud laughter.) With the mingled familiarity and reverence that marks the discourse of cultured persons on momentous affairs we discussed in an informative way the comparative merits of red pepper and tobacco sauce in the preparation of prairie oysters. There was not one of the staff who didn't feel that there was much to be learned by listening. (Laughter.)

I was transferred to Somerset House and when I heard the dreadful news I prudently took to my bed with a severe cold or something and let somebody else have the job. (Laughter.) Contrary to general belief Somerset House is, or was, the most efficient up-to-date and best managed Department in the Service. Hard work, no allowances, strict discipline and other nose-to-the-grindstone ideas prevailed there in those days and it was very unpopular in consequence.

A Delightful Department.

I was glad I didn't go there, because I had the extraordinarily good fortune to be appointed almost immediately to the most popular of all Government Offices—one of those dear delightful Dickens-like Departments that Boy Clerks dreamed about. This Department was a branch of the Admiralty, but for some reason or other the Admiralty couldn't be bothered with it and dumped it on the Board of Trade for administrative purposes while retaining for themselves disciplinary control. Naturally this Board of Trade regarded this as an intolerable affront and thrust the Department forth from its care. They gave it a separate Departmental name and left it to find office accommodation wherever it could, with the proviso that it should be as far as possible from the Board of Trade. (Laughter.) The only

accommodation available was in the basement of the Custom House, close to the Tower of London. It was next door to what was known as "The Queen's Pipe" where smuggled tobacco was sacrilegiously burned on lawful occasions. The Custom House, of course, treated us with contempt and showed it through the Hall Porter, who might easily have been mistaken for a Siamese Admiral or a Fireman in Levee Dress. (Laughter.) He was probably a model husband and the devoted father of quite a lot of children in Tooting or somewhere, but it was very difficult indeed to imagine him in pyjamas. (Laughter.)

Apart from the landlordly control exercised by the Custom House, subject to the administrative control of the Board of Trade and the disciplinary control of the Admiralty, there was a certain measure of departmental control claimed by the Fisheries Board, though it was never very clearly defined. Also a very exclusive body of charming old gentlemen, mostly admirals, belonging to a kind of Masonic Lodge called the Elder Brethren of Trinity House stirred themselves into activity when, on rare occasions, we fell foul of their Trinitarian principles.

Like Dombey and Son.

You might suppose that an Officer of this kind could lend little personality to the conception of Government. As a fact our Department had more personality than the whole of Whitehall. At first sight it looked like the counting-house of Dombey and Son. At second sight the impression was confirmed. (Laughter.) Here were the sloping wall desks and the very high stools polished by a century of trousers and smooth-worn with age. Seventy-five per cent. of the staff had long white beards and belonged to a class called Temporary Writers, long since extinct. They were so temporary that some of them had been there fifty years. Some used quill pens and at least one preferred silver sand to blotting paper. (Laughter.) The doyen was an aged man named Salter. Those of you—most of you, in fact—who hang around the bar of the Hong Kong Club must have noticed a fine steel engraving at the entrance entitled "The Banquet to the Peninsular Veterans." Underneath is a key plan, one of those things where all the faces are left unrecognizably blank and numbered—a very excellent idea by the way, that might well be applied to photographic groups of people who play golf. (Laughter.) The plan would so often show more faithful portraits than the photograph. (Loud laughter.) Well, to get back to my friend Salter. It was not unusual a century ago for the artist of a picture of historical interest to include his own portrait somewhere, and a reference to the key plan on this painting will show "The artist, Mr. Salter" modestly standing in the doorway of the banquet hall at Apsley House benignly regarding the generals of the Peninsular War. He was the father of my old office colleague.

Theology in Office Hours.

There was another very aged and delightful Writer who was a mine of information on Theology. He would discuss for hours the essential points of difference between Predestination and Justification by Faith. He had one unfortunate failing—his life was a spirited protest against the errors and extravagances of total abstinence. (Loud laughter.) He had a modest chop every day at a quiet public house off Great Tower Street called "The Three Kingdoms." That's the third quiet public house that I have mentioned. (Laughter.) In the afternoon he was apt to get a little drowsy and unless carefully watched would fall asleep and slide from his high stool to the floor with a devastating clatter. After a moment of paralysing silence the white-bearded Chief and the aged Writer would engage in an angry altercation something like this—

"Dammit sir, I wish you wouldn't do that sir!"
"Dammit yourself sir! Did I bring these cursed stools in the office sir?"
"Never mind about that sir. Have the goodness not to do it again sir!"
"Then get some chairs and tables in the office sir. I'd have you know that I'm not a damned acrobat sir!"
"For the love of God, sir, will you do sir?"

(Laughter.) Five minutes after they would be engaged in a friendly argument on Positivism or the Hypothesis Union. (Laughter.) The old gentleman was as fully prepared to argue enthusiastically that there is no soul as he was to argue Chris-

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HONG KONG, CANTON AND MACAO S. B. CO., LTD.

YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL MEETING

AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER SHIPPING OWNERS.

The one hundredth and thirteenth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. was held in Queen's Building yesterday. Sir Robert Ho Tung was in the chair, and in the course of his review of the activities during the past year, reported a net loss of \$68,648 which he attributed to the high cost of coal and keen competition by the other Chinese Companies. Sir Robert also stated that two pool agreements with these Companies had been concluded and hoped that the result would prove beneficial to the parties concerned.

SHIPPING ACCIDENTS IN 1932

Those present at the meeting were:—

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt. (Chairman), Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. M. K. Lo, C. A. da Rosa, R. K. Bachelor, Li Tse Fong (Directors), Mr. G. E. Ellams (Secretary), Messrs. M. H. Lo, M. Fernandez, Hung Tze Yea, Wei Tat, Luk Pak To, Kwai Yau Kwong and She Chun Sun (Shareholders).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In moving for the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The profit on working for the year under review, including income from investments, rents and transfer fees, amounts to \$129,658.34 which, with the credit of \$43,050.54 brought forward from 1931, makes a total of \$172,708.88. I regret, however, to state that this amount is not sufficient to cover cost of repairs, Directors' and Auditors' Fees, interest on overdraft and the amount allocated for the usual depreciation of steamer values as proposed for your approval and detailed in the report before you.

After making the necessary appropriations for the various items I have just mentioned, there remains at debit the sum of \$68,648.16, which your Directors recommend to be carried forward to a new account.

Needless to say, your Directors regret that they have not a more satisfactory statement of the year's working to place before you; but, as most of you will appreciate, the conditions that prevailed locally during 1932 were extremely difficult and all tended to make profitable steamer trading practically impossible. Competition, in particular as regards the Macao service, was extremely keen throughout the period under review. Despite this fact no effort was relaxed to secure for your Company's vessels their full share of the trade both of passenger and cargo.

In addition to the adverse trade factors such as the low value of the Hong Kong Dollar, continued heavy depreciation in Canton Currency which represents about one half of the takings on both the Canton and Macao run, cost of coal and repairs to which I had also to refer in my report to you last year, the heavy increases of Customs duties on practically all commodities shipped both to and out of Canton have had a very appreciable effect on the activities of cargo shippers.

The Canton Run.

Another factor responsible for the decrease in the earnings for the Canton run is to be found in the decline in the Chinese theatrical business, which has suffered on account of this change-over of the theatre through the growing popularity of cinema-halls in the Colony. The carrying of the theatrical parties accounted for a decrease of over \$40,000 last year.

To revert to the accounts and in order to explain in more detail the items leading up to the final result of the year's working I propose to give you a few comparative figures with those for 1931.

Total steamer earnings during 1932 are less by \$77,756.81 than those obtained during the previous year. Income from Investments for 1932 produced \$9,356.88 less than in 1931; this reduction is almost entirely accounted for by the higher rate of exchange for sterling dividends collected on certain of the Company's securities.

General disbursements, covering all items of expenditure in the form of wages, stores and usual outgoings incurred in the running of steamers, have, as in former years, received the closest attention from your Directors and a reduction of \$59,991.94 for 1932 will, we hope, be considered as extremely satisfactory. This of course, which represents the major cost of your operating expenses, was higher than in 1931, however, to be in a position to state that for the current year a new contract for Coal has been entered into showing a substantial saving.

Repairs.

Repairs to steamers and wharves amounting to \$166,520.10, as against \$144,000 in 1931, is a particular comment. Charges for

steamer repairs still remain high in comparison with those ruling prior to 1931, and certain heavy but necessary special repairs had to be carried out to your vessels in order that they be maintained in a fit and proper condition for the Company's trade purposes. I can assure you that this very important matter has and is receiving the closest supervision from the Company's Superintendents and no unnecessary expenditure has in any instance, been incurred.

The amount of \$55,432.50 that it is proposed should be written off value of steamers is the usual 5 per cent. of last book value and does not call for special comment.

On referring to the Balance Sheet you will notice among liabilities the Investment Fluctuation Account showing an increase during 1932 of \$97,736.38. This amount, as mentioned in the accounts, not only includes the amount added for share investment appreciation but also the balance remaining of the reverse made last year on account of outstanding Exchange Contracts which, I am pleased to say, have now been closed, and there will be no further liability on the part of the Company in regard to Exchange Contracts. Reference should, I think, be made also to "Wharves and Moorings" included among the Assets to which you will note an amount of \$46,993.97 has been added in the course of the year under review. This amount represents cost of replacement and/or major repairs which your architects have certified may be capitalised.

I do not consider any other item in the accounts calls for special comment, but should I have omitted reference to any subject to which you require further explanation, I shall be glad to give you all information possible upon completing my review.

Shipping Accidents.

Before resuming my seat I will make a brief reference to accidents in which your vessels were involved during the early part of last year. The a.s. Kinsan while on her way up to Canton on January 11 was run into by a small Chinese-owned steamer, luckily, without any loss of life being incurred or heavy material damage to either steamer.

On March 19 a far more serious collision occurred when, during foggy weather, the Company's vessel Sui Tai and a.s. Venezia collided, causing considerable damage to both vessels in addition to a regrettable loss of life on the a.s. Venezia and to which I referred in the Chairman's address to you last year. Owing to the loss of life arising out of the collision a Marine Court of Enquiry was held here on March 30 at which the Company's officers were completely exonerated of all blame. Following on the result of this Enquiry and also acting on the advice of your Superintendents, legal proceedings were started against the owners of a.s. Venezia in order to recover the cost of repairs necessary owing to the collision and loss of earnings suffered by a.s. Sui Tai during her period of service. The case did not, however, reach the Court as the Company's claim for compensation was settled on a friendly basis.

Although the matter does not pertain to the year 1932, I feel I should avail myself of this first opportunity to acquaint shareholders with the fact that, after protracted and arduous negotiations your Chairman succeeded in concluding two Pool Agreements with Chinese steamship owners operating both on the Canton and Macao run. It is too early yet to predict the net result of the Agreements which, it is hoped, might prove beneficial to the parties concerned.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo and carried unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS.

On the proposal of Mr. Hung Tze Yea and seconded by Mr. Fernandez, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. M. K. Lo were re-elected directors.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews were re-elected auditors in the proposal of Mr. She Chun Sun, seconded by Mr. Kwai Yau Kwong.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 44th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 25th day of April, 1933, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1932.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 13th April, 1933, to Tuesday, the 25th April, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITE,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1933. [668]

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

SECOND DAY—17TH APRIL, 1933

THE conditions of Race No. 3 have been altered to read as follows:—
3.—2.30 P.M.—Bona Vista Handicap—Winner \$500, Second \$250, Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class Subscription. Drivers of this Club which arrived in Hong Kong on 22nd November, 1932, that have won one or more races at Race Meetings of this Club AT TIME OF ENTRY, barred. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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HONG KONG THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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WILL CONDUCT THE SERVICE.

A cordial invitation is given to all friends.
There will be no lecture on Thursday, the 6th April. [669]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

REMINDER.

THE Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club House on WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL at 6.00 P.M.

F. W. T. ROSS,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Monday, the 10th April, 1933, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1932.

The following Resolutions will also be submitted to the Meeting:—

- (1) "That as from the 1st day of January, 1933, the remuneration of the Consulting Committee be increased from \$10,000 to \$24,000 per annum."
- (2) "That as from the 1st day of January, 1933, the remuneration of the Auditors be raised from \$1,500 to \$1,600 per annum for each firm."

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 27th March to the 10th April, 1933, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1933. [669]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Provisional Certificate No. 57/495 dated Hong Kong 20th February, 1932 for Four shares of this Bank numbered 127041/127044 inclusive registered in the name of L. A. SU has been lost or stolen and should this certificate not be presented to the Bank before 16th April, 1933, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Provisional Certificate No. 57/495 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
Y. M. GRAYBURN,
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HONG KONG, APRIL 5, 1933.

THE SLUMP—AND THE WAY OUT

The world is constantly being assured by those in a position to speak authoritatively that the Economic Depression is passing and one day we shall awake to find the clouds lifted and the sunshine of prosperity smiling benignly on the human race. Ministers of leading countries speak in this vein, and big business magnates do the same. The crisis is largely due to psychological causes, and the leaders, as in time of war, have to keep up popular morale, describing a Tannenberg or a Marne as a slight reverse, and a Neve Chappelle as a notable victory, according to the needs of the hour. Mr. JOHN D. ROCKWELLER is one of the greatest and most valuable assets of optimism. "I have seen slumps come, and I have seen them go. It always has happened like that and it will again," is his unshakeable belief. Mr. J. D. ROCKWELLER is the richest man in the world, and one of the oldest. Who is better qualified to know what he is talking about? He is more likely to be right than anyone else! He is where he is—in many ways the greatest man in the world—because he has always been right.

We all hope that he is once again on the mark. On the other hand the main causes of the Depression, economic nationalism, run mad, War Debt and Reparations, armaments and international suspicion, lack of gold, unduly extended credits, over-production, trust manipulations, and the turmoil in China and India, show not the least sign of passing. A new factor, Russian dumping, may even aggravate the position. No doubt in the fourth, and even the fifth centuries of our era, optimists were saying, "Rome always muddles through," and only need a good emperor, and "the Legion is still the best military unit in the world." We now know that they were wrong.

Whatever may transpire, the War, the Slump, the Russian Revolution and the great mastery over production called "Rationalisation," are going to affect human life more profoundly than most of us imagine. Mr. C. CHAMPKIN gave the Rotary Club yesterday a charming and interesting picture of life in Government offices not so very many years ago. The slowness, the inefficiency, and on the other hand, the culture, the loyalty, the honesty and security, have long ago passed. Government offices hum with typewriters, they are presided over by harassed, highly specialised, and efficient men who drive themselves and their subordinates unmercifully. Those are the methods of commerce, industry and government. A new efficiency and a regime of hard work! But the practical expression of these excellent qualities is an army of unemployed, reckoned at fifteen million in the United States alone and at least double that number in the whole world. Efficiency, "push and go" and the wonderful principles evolved in the North of England, in places like Manchester and England in New England and Germany are not enough. The world is choked with over-production. There is a psychological reaction; a desire for stability and security, a hunger for rusticity, for desert islands, not of reality, but of fictional tradition, that expresses itself in country estates for millionaires, in seaside bungalows, charabanc excursions, and multitudinous applications for the quiet jobs of the world, as such librarians and caretakers, where if prospects are poor, competition and intrigues of rivals are eliminated. Possibly modern science and organisation will take towards that old stability of life and certainty of earning of the daily bread. In a Henry Ford factory each man has to do a simple job quite perfectly. That shuts out the whole joy of work which should animate the clever craftsman or tiller of the soil. Moreover in the temples of America's industrial angel of light there is no security at all, and the least failure in mute obedience receives the final and irrevocable sentence of expulsion into the lost army of the workless. No wonder bootlegging and crime are popular in that country.

Between a breaking up of civilization, either by violence or slow disintegration, and the evolving of a new organisation, where the workers take themselves but periodically rise and destroy the drones, there must be a new line of development, where work and leisure have their share, and where the workers are not only benefited, but are also the winners of the new order. At present the whole world has become like a crowd that once asked, "What is the use of this?" and then, after getting angry, frightened, and out of hand, swarmed over the pitch, and helplessly witnessed the playing of the game. All had come to see.

SPRING COMES TO QUARRY BAY

Charming Children's Festival

UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN

The May Queen nodded and yawned on her pink decked throne, she was only six years old. The pride that had filled her little heart since she was told that she was to play the May Queen at the Spring Festival, the joy of being dressed in the long white frock with its green train, and of wearing the wreath of pink may blossom on her golden curls, the happiness of her entrance with two small squires, bearing her train, were forgotten as her Court deserted her to dance round the may-pole and make music with drums, cymbals, triangles and bells.

Perhaps there could be no clearer example of the wisdom that lies behind the direction of Quarry Bay School than this lesson that is learnt each year by one of the youngest children, that greatness has its obligations, but lest the lesson be too bitter, a glimpse of the other side of the picture was given, when, at the close of the proceedings, it fell to the May Queen to present a basket of roses to Mrs. Southorn and receive a kiss in exchange, before making her triumphant exit.

Joyous, Fresh and Pretty.

It is a long way to Quarry Bay, and people like Mrs. Southorn, Mrs. Borrett, Mrs. Minett and Mr. N. L. Smith have little time to spare but they, as well as the parents, felt that they had been well rewarded for their journey. The whole entertainment was so joyous in spirit so fresh and pretty that if Quarry Bay School would hold a festival every season, instead of only in the Spring, we feel sure that there would be just as large a crowd present.

The Programme.

The programme was a well arranged alternation of songs and dances, with two items by the children's band and the play scene from Midsummer Night's Dream. The dancing throughout the school was excellent. The children being light on their feet, and neat in their movements, and the dresses and grouping well arranged to make a pretty picture. But the singing and above all the band, were perhaps even better. The children sang up well and kept time and tune, while the band was so delightful that it deserves a paragraph to itself.

When classes 9 and 10, the babies, filed in to the tune of their drums, cymbals, bells and castanets, one thought the timing very good, but when they lined up and proceeded to play a medley of nursery rhymes, and above all when the first tiny tot laid her castanets on the ground and gravely stepped forward to take the baton from Miss Cotton and conduct her fellows, then a burst of clapping noisily threatened to drown the music. Two other little conductors took over and "did their stuff" with complete composure and efficiency.

Later the two top classes played four quite long and difficult pieces on the same instruments and acquitted themselves splendidly. The little play was well acted and no-one forgot their lines. Bottom, Titania, and Puck were all three very good and showed no signs of stage fright.

A Delightful School.

After the entertainment, the guests were allowed to go over the school and see a display of the children's handwriting and exercises books. The work was exceptionally good and was praised and admired by everyone. With its delightful and clever children and its exceptionally nice school buildings, it is a pleasure at any time to visit Quarry Bay School, when they stage a Spring Festival it is a very great pleasure which makes a happy memory for a long time.

To Raise Funds.

It is the constant lament of the British Olympians that the State does nothing to help in the provision of training facilities for the promising British youth for the Olympic Games. And it was Sir John Simon who drew attention to the fact that the Olympiads of modern days have no Pindar to write odes for the winners of the Olympic games.

THE LETTER-HONGS ANOMALY

EXPLANATION OF RAISED CHARGES

SHANGHAI, March 29.
Yesterday a Reuters message from Singapore, referred to agitation by the Chinese there against the proposed increase to 12½ cents per letter of the postage on correspondence from "letter-offices" in South China.

The situation has been explained on inquiry at the Shanghai Post Office. While most countries enforce a strict monopoly in the carrying of letters, China still permits commercial letter-hongs in Canton, Swatow, Amoy, and some other ports to accept from the public, and forward through the Chinese Post Office, mail matter for Singapore, and a few other foreign destinations. To all destinations except Singapore, the Chinese Post Office charges the letter-hongs at the international rate of 25 cents per letter.

Exceptions were made by China for Singapore, the letter rate being fixed at one-half of the postage charged to the ordinary public. When the letter postage from China to foreign countries was 10 cents, the letter-hongs were given the privilege of a five-cents rate to Singapore, though from Singapore to China the same letter-hongs paid

six Singapore cents postage. With the increase of Chinese postage for foreign countries to 25 cents, the letter-hong postage should automatically have been raised to 12½ cents, but this step has so far been postponed, with the result that at the moment the five-cents charge still rules. The Chinese Post Office is thus placed in the anomalous position of seeing its letter business for Singapore go to competitors who are free to charge the public what they please, while enjoying the curious privilege of sending this underpaid correspondence through the Chinese Post Office all the way to destination at five-cents per letter.

While the Singapore Chinese object to China making an increase to 12½ cents, though this is half of China's own charge to the writing public, the same objectors willingly pay at the Singapore Post Office, since October 1 last, eight cents Singapore currency per letter, equal to 16 cents Chinese, for carriage to Chinese ports.

China intends to increase its letter hong rate not to 16 (Chinese) cents as at Singapore, but to 12½ cents only, still leaving the letter hongs free to gather in the correspondence which would otherwise be posted over the counters of Chinese Post Offices at 25 cents per cover.

The increased postage is not to the public, but to the commercial letter-hongs, flourishing concerns able by the benevolence of the Chinese Government to make easy profits by a system which is only tolerated in a few Eastern countries.—N.C. Daily News.

Local and General

The annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club will take place at the Club House at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

A two-day extra Race Meeting will be held during Easter. The first day will be on Saturday, April 15, and the second day on Monday, April 17.

Olga Xavier, 15, has been missing since 9 p.m. on March 28 according to a report made to the Police by her mother, Mrs. Dalodo, living at Sugar Street, Wanchai.

Sir Francis Lindley, H.M. Ambassador to Japan, and Lady Lindley, will be guests at a dinner to be held in the Japanese Premier's residence in Tokyo to-day.

For failing to exhibit the star-board light on his vessel, the coxswain of the motor boat Walla Walla I was fined \$15 by Comdr. Nowell, at the Marine Court yesterday.

The Schneider Trio are giving a farewell concert at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel this evening. Local music lovers should not miss this last chance of hearing these extremely fine artists.

While riding a push bicycle along Nathan Road, near its intersection with Argyle Street, a Chinese boy knocked down a Chinese boy who received injuries to the leg. The lad was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The Police has in their possession a British passport, issued to one John Henry Gilbert, at Sydney, New South Wales, on June 9, 1932. It was picked up by an Indian guard in the Wanchai district on Monday.

There will be a general meeting of the H. K. University Engineering Society on Friday, April 7 at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" at the University when Mr. S. V. Boxer, B.Sc., will deliver a lecture on "The Historical Development of the Arch."

Mr. F. A. Merry, local representative of John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., leaves for Shanghai per S.S. Ranchi on April 7 and will be away until the end of the month. His address in Shanghai will be c/o the Palace Hotel, cables "Lionbrand Shanghai."

An exhibition of photographs is now being held by the Wah Yan Amateur Photographic Club in the Scout Room of the College. The exhibition will remain open till to-day, and is open to the public. Two hundred exhibits are on view, and may be seen between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The 44th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, on Tuesday, April 26, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended December 31, 1932. A profit of \$421,000 was made last year, all of which is to be carried

The La Salle College, Kowloon, will hold its annual athletic sports to-day, commencing at 1 p.m. The prizes will be distributed by Lady Peel, and in the course of the day His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, will visit the College Buildings.

A fine of \$25 was imposed by Mr. Wynne-Jones at Central Magistrate yesterday on a Chinese who was convicted on a charge of gross cruelty to a pigeon. It was stated that the defendant dangled the bird with a string which had been tightly tied round the wings seven times.

The Organising Committee of the British Empire Fair to be held at the Peninsula Hotel next May, gratefully acknowledge contributions of \$200 from The Chinese American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., and of \$100 from Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd., towards the expenses of the Fair.

Before Mr. Wynne-Jones at Central Magistrate yesterday, S. Twai, 23, described as an unemployed Japanese was charged with having entered the Colony without a passport. It was stated that the defendant came from Singapore, and when found by Sergeant Stevens took him to the Tokyo Hotel, where he was staying. The Japanese Consul here had agreed to send him back to Japan, and he would leave by a ship to-morrow week.

Described as the wife of an employee in the Chinese Maritime Customs, Cheng Wai Fu was charged before Mr. Schofield at Central Magistrate yesterday with contravening the *mui tsai* Ordinance. It was alleged that she unlawfully brought a 12-year-old *mui tsai* into the Colony and subjected her to a punishment to which she would not have subjected her own daughter. The woman pleaded not guilty and the case was adjourned until next week.

Santo Tomas University basketball team, which arrived this morning on the S.S. Empress of Russia from Manila en route to Japan and Honolulu for a series of basketball games, have completed arrangements to play two games with the local teams on Wednesday and Thursday nights at 9 o'clock. The visitors will be stacked against the Chung Nam Athletic Association on the initial night and against the Chinese Y.M.C.A. the following night. The games will be played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Appearing nightly in entertainment this week until Saturday April 8 during the dinner dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel is Mme. Nervoff, the accomplished and graceful exponent of classic dancing in a strikingly original feature. She made her debut at this establishment last Saturday and attracted a large gathering of diners. Mr. L. Mirabel who renders the piano accompaniment for these exhibition dances is a lieutenant of the Conservatoire of Paris and the two work exceedingly well together. Lovers of dancing should not miss the opportunity of witnessing these attractive displays.

SUMMARY OF NEWS

Local.

The Green Island Cement Company made a net profit last year of \$421,000, all of which is to be carried forward to next year's account. Page 13.

The case in which Kwok Hung (K), a salesman employed by Messrs. Goeke & Company is charged with the theft by bailie of a motor car and with obtaining \$1,000 by fraudulently endorsing a cheque from the American Express Company was continued at Central Magistrate yesterday. Page 9.

Mr. A. R. F. Raven, principal partner of Messrs. Raven and Bae to was severely cross-examined by Mr. F. C. Jenkin at the Supreme Court yesterday in connection with their claim of \$80,650 from the Woo Lee Land Investment Co. Page 9.

A beggar was found murdered in a disused gangster's hut in Shatin, and two mendicants are "wanted" by the police. Page 12.

The twenty-eight ordinary general meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. was held yesterday, Mr. J. P. Warren being in the chair. Page 1.

Hong Kong will be the centre of operations in a mimic war which the Navy, Army and Air Force are staging to-day and to-morrow. Page 9.

A suicide and a sudden death occurred on the voyage from Honolulu to Hong Kong aboard the President McKinley. Page 9.

A delightful spring festival was given yesterday morning at Quarry Bay School. Page 8.

Sir Robert Ho Tung presided over the annual meeting yesterday of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company. Page 7.

General.

The Nazi boycott of Jews, it is reported, will not be resumed to-day. Page 9.

The giant American naval airship, the U.S.S. Akron, the largest dirigible in the world, is reported to have "fallen into the sea off the Jersey coast." Latest messages state that the airship is a total wreck and that a heavy loss of life is feared. Page 1.

Far East.

According to a Chinese despatch from Tientsin, a Japanese plane dropped a document into Chinese Military Headquarters at Shihmen, demanding the withdrawal of Chinese forces from the area east of the Luan River, threatening drastic measures in the event of non-compliance. Page 1.

Chinese reports state that three Japanese planes dropped bombs inside the City of Dolonor on April 2. Page 9.

The Pan-American Airways have bought 45 per cent. of the stock of the China National Aviation Corporation. Page 9.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY

(April 5).

(III Moon 11th Day).

Anniversaries and Holidays.

Pure Brightness (Ch'ing ming).

Schneider Trio Concert, Hong Kong Hotel-Rose Garden, 9.15 p.m. Catholic Lenten Mission, Fr. Donnelly, S.J., on "Ideals," Camo Road, 6 p.m.

H.E. The Governor visits La Salle College Buildings.

Whist Drive, Seamen's Institute, 9 p.m.

Chief Petty Officers' and Petty Officers' Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Meetings.

Sergeants' Mess (H.K.V.D.C.), University Union, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria Recreation Club, Club House, 6 p.m.

Theatres.

Queen's: "Five Star Final."

Central: "Once in a Lifetime."

King's: "Tess of the Storm Country."

Oriental: "Cohens and Kellys in Africa."

World: "Harmony Heaven."

Star: "Behind the Mask."

Majestic: "Outside the Law."

Dances.

Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Gloucester Building, King's Restaurant, and Majestic Dancing Academy.

Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, Peninsula, Hong Kong, and Repulse Bay Hotels, and Gloucester Building.

Sports.

Hockey—Hong Kong Hockey Club Seniors v. Lincolns (U.S.R.C. ground), 6 p.m.

Athletics—La Salle College Annual Athletic Sports, College Ground, 1 p.m. Distribution of Sports Prizes, Lady Peel at the Great Hall, 5 p.m.

THE U.S. AKRON
DISASTERNAVY DEPARTMENT
REPORTS TO ROOSEVELT

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

WASHINGTON, April 4. The Navy Department has reported to Mr. Roosevelt to the effect that the Akron was caught in a storm probably struck by lightning, caught fire and crashed. The Phoenix and the Cutters Mojave and McDougal are continuing their search of the floating wreckage for any possible survivors.

NEW MAHARAJA OF
NAWANAGAR"RANJIT" SUCCEEDED BY
NEPHEW

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BOMBAY, April 4. RAJKUMAR Digvijaysinhji will succeed his uncle, Ranjitsinhji, as Maharaja Jamsheer of Nawanagar. The new ruler is the elder brother of K. S. Dalesinhji, the Test cricketer.

Lieutenant-Col. H. H. Shri-Sir Ranjitsinhji Vibhaji died on Sunday morning, following a heart attack. He was an all-round sportsman, and one of the leading personalities of English cricket.

FLIGHT OVER
MR. EVERESTSUCCESS OF HOUSTON
EXPEDITION

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PURNEA, April 4. Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, was yesterday conquered from the air, when the members of the Houston expedition flew over the 29,002 feet high peak in two Westland machines. The pilots were in the air for 34 hours.

When the planes took off from Purne at 8.15 a.m. it was not intended to make an attempt on the peak, but merely to make a trial flight.

Visibility has been generally unsatisfactory, and frequent gales have delayed the work. Yesterday morning, however, it was learned that the wind in the upper atmosphere had dropped considerably, and it was decided to make a trial flight.

The two specially equipped planes, piloted by the marquis of Clydesdale and flight-lieutenant D. F. McIntyre, with two other members as observers ascended. They found the conditions even better than expected and they immediately carried out the important part of the expedition.

A perfect landing was made when the two machines returned to base, and the Marquis of Clydesdale was in a merry mood.

Flight-lieutenant McIntyre, however, appeared frostbitten in spite of his electrically heated suit.

Both pilots and observers reported that the oxygen apparatus, upon which the success of the venture largely depended, worked without hitch, while the machines behaved excellently in the rarified atmosphere.

During the trip, careful watch was kept for members of the expedition led by Mr. Hugh Rutledge, which is making a simultaneous attempt on the peak on foot. Mails for the latter party were carried in the machines, but they were not located.

LONDON TRAFFIC
CONTROL16 POLICEMEN REPLACED
BY NEW SCHEME

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSIA, April 3. WHAT is probably the most elaborate example of automatic traffic control in the world was inaugurated in Trafalgar Square, London, yesterday.

Traffic control by light signals is rapidly extending in London, where, every week, about twelve new systems are installed, but owing to the large number of streets converging on Trafalgar Square, and the fact that it is traversed by about 35,000 vehicles daily, the new system is the most ambitious yet undertaken.

A unique feature of the new system is that the traffic actually controls itself, according to its need, by means of detection laid in the roadway.

The system, which cost £2,247 to install, will replace sixteen policemen hitherto engaged on point duty in the Square.

RUSSIAN IMPORTS
TO BRITAINMAY BE PROHIBITED BY
LAW

(REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.)

LONDON, April 4. DRASTIC powers to deal with the importation of Russian goods, it is understood by Reuters, are conferred on the President of the Board of Trade by the draft of the Government's Russian Bill, which will be passed in all its stages to-morrow.

The Bill, which follows the arrest of the six British engineers of Metropolitan Vickers Company, will empower the President of the Board of Trade to issue orders affecting specific categories of Russian goods or to prohibit imports altogether.

The Government are conferring with the Dominions on the subject of the Bill, which will be presented to-day.

Sir Esmond Ovey, British Ambassador in Moscow, who arrived in London on Sunday, yesterday attended a meeting of the Ministers who have been engaged in dealing with the position in Russia arising out of the arrests of the British subjects. Sir Robert Vansittart, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, also attended.

Subject Raised in Parliament.

The subject was raised yesterday afternoon in Parliamentary questions in the House of Commons, when the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, announced that a Bill would be presented to-day to take powers to deal with the importation of Russian goods into Britain.

It was proposed to pass the Bill through all its stages to-morrow with a view to its passage into law at the earliest possible moment.

The Opposition leader, Mr. George Lansbury asked whether, in order that the House might be seized of the facts of the case, the correspondence and conversations between the British Ambassador and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Litvinoff, and between the Russian Ambassador, M. Maisky, and the British Government, would be presented in a White Paper.

Premier's Reply.

The Prime Minister said that the fullest possible information would be imparted to the House in a statement on the second reading of the Bill. In any event the British trade agreement with Russia lapsed on April 17, and something must be done to set up a system of trade.

Regarding the diplomatic conversations which had taken place, it would be most improper and unusual, in the middle of negotiations, to publish statements. The Bill was purely an enabling Bill.

Sir Herbert Samuel, the Liberal leader, also asked for a White Paper, but the Prime Minister said that it would not be in the interests of the accused for a statement might be made at any moment. It might be made to-day.

The Bill would be in hands of members to-day, and it was necessary that it should be passed before the Easter recess, the Premier added.

SUGGESTED FOUR
POWER PACT

FRENCH REPLY COMPLETED

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PARIS, April 4. THE French draft memorandum following on the recent discussions between the French Premier, M. Daladier and the British Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon, has now been completed.

It places a greater emphasis on security than the Anglo-Italian plan, but agrees with the latter in so far as it suggests that the Four Power Pact will conceivably seek a solution for European problems and undertake not to increase armaments during the currency of the agreement.

An important divergence, however, relate to the proposed treaty revision. It stipulates that signatories shall consider the advisability of setting in motion the provision of the League Covenant as a whole, and thereby, Article Nineteen must be taken in conjunction with Articles Three, Ten, Eleven and Sixteen.

This means that common security undertakings must be given at least equal weight with treaty revision.

Memorandum Explained.

PARIS, April 4. The draft memorandum, which properly counter-plan the Anglo-Italian proposals, but is rather an enunciation of the general doctrine constituting the French beliefs.

It provides that whenever a problem affecting any State other than these four is discussed, the interests of State shall be called into consultation from the very beginning.

NAZI BOYCOTT
OF JEWSNOT TO BE RESUMED
TO-DAY

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, April 4. IT is officially stated that the Nazi boycott of Jews will not be resumed to-morrow in view of the cessation of their "atrocity propaganda."

The Nazi boycott organisation will remain intact, ready to reply to any attempt to renew the Jewish boycott in Germany.

Jewish Emigration to Palestine.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSIA, April 3. THE Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe Listner, when asked yesterday in the House of Commons whether, in view of the measures taken against the Jews in Germany, restrictions on emigration into Palestine would be relaxed for the benefit of refugees, said that the matter was within the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner, to whom representations could be made.

There would, however, be no question of departing from the principle that emigration into Palestine must be governed by the economic absorptive capacity of that country.

WORLD ECONOMIC
CONFERENCEPRICE LEVELS DISCUSSED
IN WASHINGTON

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSIA, April 3. METHODS of establishing a basis for team-work with other countries, which will participate in the World Conference, were discussed in a further interview in Washington between the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, and the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

A communique issued yesterday stated that the conversation ranged over the general subject of world price levels.

EMERGENCY IN OIL
INDUSTRYU.S. REGULATIONS TO BE
ENFORCED

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

WASHINGTON, April 4. PRESIDENT Roosevelt in a letter to the Governors of the oil producing States, has announced that he will recommend Congress to prohibit transportation, in interstate or foreign commerce, of oil manufactured by any State in violation of the State's laws.

He said, "There seems to be a widespread feeling that a state of emergency exists in the oil industry, and it is hoped that the Governors of the States affected will, after consulting each other, take appropriate action to meet it."

"ATTACK" ON
HONGKONG

MIMIC WAR TO BE STAGED

Between to-day and to-morrow, Hongkong will be the centre of operations in a mimic war which the Navy, Army and Air Force are staging as part of their yearly training.

The troops participating in the attacking are two companies from the Lincolnshire and a company of Marines. They embarked on board the Berwick and Medway on Monday morning for Kolo Harbour, about four miles from Tai-po, where they made a practice landing yesterday afternoon.

After operations at Tolo Harbour, the Berwick and Medway will return to Hongkong waters and will make a surprise landing "somewhere" in Hongkong, Kowloon or the New Territories, between this afternoon and to-morrow.

The defence force is composed of all other units of the local Garrison, and destroyers and submarines will patrol the harbour, and will wireless information of the movements of the "enemy" to the defence force. All guns in the local defence force will be kept ready.

The "enemy" will be represented by a force of about 100 men, who will sweep the sea to give an instant warning of the approach of the "enemy." The Air Force, also, will come in for their share, and will use Kai Tak aerodrome as their base. They will not be used for bombing purposes, but will only perform reconnaissance work in order to assist in detecting the hostile fleet.

THE NANCHANG
CAPTIVESNOT BADLY TREATED BY
BANDITS

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NEWCHANG, April 4. MR. F. L. PEARCE, third engineer of the "Nanchang," who was allowed to return to Newchwang by the bandits to present their demands, has reported that the captives are not bound and are not being badly treated.

However, he could not at present divulge their location.

At the urgent request of the Japanese authorities, the contents of the pirates' letter were not revealed, because of the danger that the negotiations for the release of the captives may be frustrated.

British Government's Action.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSIA, April 4. The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, said in the House of Commons yesterday that the report from Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister in Peking, confirmed the story that the steamer s.s. Nanchang, of the China Navigation Company, was attacked at noon on March 29 by a large force of pirates while at anchor off the mouth of the Liao River.

The pirates are reported by Sir Miles Lampson to have carried off four subordinate British officers and escaped up river.

His Majesty's sloop, Cornflower, at once proceeded to Nanchang, and an officer attached to the British Legation in Peking was also sent there.

Urgent representations were made to the local authorities, and to the Japanese Government, and all possible steps were being taken by land and river police in conjunction with the Manchurian coast guards, Sir John stated.

Seaplanes and a number of junks were being employed to carry on the search, and the Japanese Government had instructed their subordinate authorities to afford all possible assistance.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON PRICES

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, April 4. FOLLOWING ARE THE SILVER QUOTATIONS ON THE LONDON MARKET TO-DAY:

	Apr. 4	Apr. 3
Spot	172	173
Forward	175.16	175.16

"TRAFFIC DAY" AT
CENTRALEUROPEAN FINED ON TWO
COUNTS

Yesterday was "traffic" day at the Central Magistracy and several motor-car drivers, including one European, were fined for various traffic offences.

Mr. R. Poinset, proprietor of the Little Shop, Gloucester Arcade was fined \$25 on two charges of dangerous driving in Des Voeux Road Central and for passing a stationary tram.

It was stated by Traffic-Sergeant Britain that the defendant's speed was between 30 and 35 miles per hour along Des Voeux Road Central between Gilman Street and Pedder Street.

The defendant narrowly missed colliding with a fire engine at Queen Victoria Street.

Sergeant Britain: "The defendant has brought a cheque. He has no cash with him. I understand they don't take cheques here."

His Worship (Mr. Schofield) said he thought it would be all right, and directed the fine be paid in cash by 3 p.m.

Horn Sounded Too Often.

A lorry driver who sounded his horn twelve times between the Queen's Theatre and Pedder Street, was fined \$10.

The defendant: "Ten dollars? His Worship (sharply): "Yes. Because it was midnight, or after."

For travelling at a speed of 4 miles per hour near Wellington Barracks a lorry driver was fined \$25. It was stated that the lorry was loaded with wine jars, and four people were sitting on them.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd announced that it is now the 10th anniversary of the installation of the moving picture system on board liners and that they are now making further improvement for the comfort and enjoyment of the passengers by having talking pictures on board their Far East passenger vessels. The first ship which left Hamburg on March 18 with "talkies" installed was the s.s. Trier due here on or about March 25.

JAPANESE PLANES
BOMB DOLONORCIVILIAN POPULATION
EVACUATE CITY

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEIPING, Apr. 4. Chinese reports state that on April 2 three Japanese aeroplanes visited Dolonor, dropping many bombs inside the city and forcing the Chinese garrison stationed there to beat a hasty retreat into the suburbs.

As a result of the bombing of Dolonor an exodus of the civilian population from the city began, with more than 6,000 persons leaving the city within twenty-four hours of the bombing.

Japanese Preparing a Flanking Movement.

NANKING, Apr. 4. A telegram from General Shang Cheng, Commander of Chinese forces at Lenkow, reports that Japanese forces after several unsuccessful frontal attacks appear to be preparing for a flanking movement.

The telegram goes on to describe the Japanese aerial and artillery bombardment which took place on April 1, but adds that since that date there has been only sporadic firing from the Japanese lines.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT
CHINWANTAO

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEIPING, April 4. ACCORDING to an official communique, General Ho Chu Kuo reports that yesterday two Japanese warships and one aircraft carrier anchored at Chinwantao.

It is learned that a British military observer has been despatched with the latest Japanese operations in the Shihmenchai region.

If these operations extend and the Chinwantao area is involved, international complications may ensue in view of the extensive foreign interests in that area.

RED MENACE IN
KIANGSICHIANG HURRYING TO
SCENE OF TROUBLE

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, April 4. OWING to the seriousness of the "Red" Menace in Kiangsi, where Communists are reported to be making a determined drive against government troops, Chiang Kai Shek hurriedly left for Nanchang at 12.30 p.m. He is proceeding by the fastest train to Kiangsi from where he will complete his journey by train.

The situation is considered critical.

DUTCH BOXER
INDEMNITY

TO BE RETURNED TO CHINA

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, April 4. IT is learned the Netherlands have agreed to remit to China the Dutch portion of the Boxer Indemnity as from January 1, 1933.

SPECIAL MEETING OF K.N.C.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, Apr. 4. Active preparations are being made by a party of officials for a Convention of a Special Kuomintang National Congress.

The matters occupying the immediate attention of members concern the method of election and the basis of representation. The necessary regulations are expected to be promulgated shortly.

DEATHS ON U.S. LINER
SUICIDE AND STROKE

Captain R. E. Carey, master of the President McKinley which arrived here on Monday, has made a report to the Harbour Office to the effect that while his steamer was on the voyage from Honolulu to Hongkong, a suicide and a sudden death occurred.

One Japanese woman, travelling steerage, jumped over the stern of the vessel. The alarm was raised by the watch, the vessel turned round and a boat was lowered but the woman could not be found.

Several days later a death occurred. A Japanese man, aged 40, died from an epileptic attack.

"GOVERNMENT OFFICES
AND THINGS"

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Scientifically that there is no body. All he wanted was an argument and he was doing nothing much to do he could usually find somebody to accommodate him.

At five o'clock precisely the old Chief would comb his beard in a pocket mirror, clap on a high felt hat of the type made familiar by cartoons of Winston Churchill and stalk majestically to the door. Here he would remove his hat, glare at the staff and say: "Good afternoon gentlemen!" This was the signal for me to lay the tea table and the next half hour or so was passed in quiet and pleasant discussion of art, literature and the drama. Some of these old Writers had University degrees and most of them added to their rather meagre salary by book reviewing, dramatic criticism and press articles. The "Literary World" was perhaps the most regular medium for their contributions. They were kindly courteous old gentlemen. They gave me Press tickets for first nights, lent me good books and helped me usefully to an extent that perhaps I did not fully realise until after years. I know now how much I owe them and am grateful for the memory of their many kindnesses.

All Simpson.

I left the Civil Service because of Alf Simpson. (Laughter.) Alf was a Naval Reservist who was entitled to £4.00 per year in quarterly payments. Before he could draw his money he had to report at a Shipping Office with a certificate signed by some responsible person who knew him and could certify that he was still alive. Alf shipped round the Horn or somewhere and failed to report for a year. He then applied for four quarterly payments. Being called upon to explain why he had not reported himself at consulates abroad he replied that he was "generally too drunk" which seemed to me a very reasonable explanation indeed (laughter) so I ticked off his application as being all in order. I was carpeted for passing Alf's application for four payments on the production of only one certificate. I said that it seemed to me that if A. B. Simpson was undoubtedly alive on 31st December, 1928, there was strong presumptive evidence that he had been alive since his last reported year previously. (Laughter.) The superiority of discretion in speech over mere eloquence was emphasised by Bacon in one of his Essays and perhaps I should have reflected more deeply before expressing so positive an opinion. Anyway, there was an ominous silence before the Chief asked me how long I had been in the Service. This was easy to answer, but when he followed it up with another query as to how long I expected to remain there I began to feel that I had better get abroad and Hong Kong seemed about as far away as I could get. (Laughter.)

Well, gentlemen, my time is up and I thank you for your courteous attention. We live in drab times and it is pleasant occasionally to recall more colourful days. My memories of the Civil Service may seem to you to be but the drifting back of small and unimportant things. To me they are mainly memories of those kindly old Writers. They taught me at an impressionable age something of Life, something of Literature and everything of Loyalty. They have all long since crossed the bar, but I sometimes think of them in the inspiring words of Thackeray, "Non omnis moriar! if, gone, they yet live in tender memories, nor am I lost and hopeless, living, if their departed souls still have a thought for me." (Laughter.)

Mr. M. K. Lo.

Proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Champkin, Mr. M. K. Lo said that the laughter and the wonderful and thunderous applause with which they greeted the speaker's concluding remarks seemed to him to be much more eloquent of the Chief's appreciation of Mr. Champkin's witty address than any words he could express.

Mr. Lo referred to the one or two things about England that always puzzled foreigners. One was the British constitution and the other was how England was governed. "I cannot say that Mr. Champkin's remarks are very illuminating," (laughter) — and those who do not understand how such a great country could be governed must be pardoned for not seriously believing every word he says." (Laughter.)

One thing, however, was understood from Mr. Champkin's remarks was that if a Government could give such a man as Mr. Champkin an important post that Government must be a great government (laughter) and it must be a great country which could produce such a man. (Applause.)

CHINA N. AVIATION
CORPORATIONP-AMERICAN AIRWAYS BUY
45% OF STOCK

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4. Mr. Sixby, a representative of the Pan-American Airways, who arrived in China a month ago and who recently visited Canton, announces that the Pan-American Airways have purchased 45 per cent. of the stock of the China National Aviation Corporation. This purchase foreshadows extensive aviation developments in China and one of the principal objects is the eventual establishment of a trans-Pacific air service.

MOTOR SALESMAN
CHARGEDSold Car without
Owner's Permission

The case in which Kwok Hung Ki, a salesman employed by Messrs. Goek & Company, is charged with the theft by bailee of a motor car belonging to Ng Chuk Wo, a rent collector, and with obtaining £1,000 by fraudulently endorsing a cheque from the American Express Company was continued before Mr. Wynne-Jones at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The defendant was arrested following a motor accident in Saiyoon Road on March 11 in which a young Chinese Schoolmistress was killed. It was indicated at the hearing that possibly the accused would have to face a much graver charge which may arise from the Coroner's inquiry into the death of the girl.

In the present case, the defendant was alleged to have sold Ng Chuk Wo's car to one Wong Chung Fui without the former's permission. A cheque of \$1,000 was made out by Wong for the car, and it was alleged the defendant fraudulently endorsed it in the name of Ng Chuk Wo and collected the money from the American Express Company.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo represented the defendant. Mr. T. P. K. Kemble held a watching brief for Wong Chung Fui, the purchaser of the car.

At yesterday's hearing, Ng Chuk Wo was recalled and stated that he kept his own licence in his possession. He did not apply to the Police for a duplicate one, nor did he tell anyone when he lost the original. Defendant did not hand him the cheque and the first time he saw it was when he was with a detective in the American Express Company. He did not endorse the cheque.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he never authorised any of his friends to sign cheques or agreements on his behalf. He admitted having put the car under defendant's care for about a month and did not see it during that time. He usually inquired about it by telephone and was always told by the defendant that the car had not yet been fully repaired.

After further evidence had been given, the case was adjourned until this afternoon.



Here she comes
Down the street
Looking smart
And very neat!

Yes, of course she
did "Nugget" her shoes
this morning!

**NUGGET
BOOT POLISH**

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **TUESDAY, the 18th Day of APRIL, 1933, at 3 P.M.**, at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of **OROWAN LAND** at Po Shan Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 3547.	West of Orowan Road.	As per sale plan.	About 16,100	296	12,075

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **TUESDAY, the 18th Day of APRIL, 1933, at 3 P.M.**, at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of **OROWAN LAND** at Mount Kellett, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 370.	West of Orowan Road.	As per sale plan.	About 9,000	104	1,060

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **TUESDAY, the 18th Day of APRIL, 1933, at 3 P.M.**, at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of **OROWAN LAND** at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 3548.	South-west of Orowan Road.	As per sale plan.	About 28,500	708	33,100

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on **SATURDAY, the 15th APRIL, 1933, at 12.30 P.M.** (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Jockey Club, and the Babies' Village Road.

Entries close at 12.00 noon on **THURSDAY, 6th APRIL, 1933.**

By Order,
G. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Local Sports Reviewed

BY "NOMAD"

Racing

The racing at Happy Valley last Saturday was full of interest for the student of form. One thing that emerges from the day's sport was the fact that King Salmon is a much better pony to-day than he was at the Annual Race Meeting. The pony lost by a short head to Royal Flush at the second "Extra" and has now come away with a win and on his present form it looks as though he has many more victories to come this year and, possibly, though this is too early a moment to prophesy—he will emerge the winner of either the St. Leger or the Champions in the Autumn. Amoy who, dead-headed with him in the last race might have won had his jockey been able to bring the pony a little closer to the leaders in the earlier part of the race, but the pace set by Orlando was too hot for Amoy.

There is one observation I would like to make with regard to the many keen finishes seen on Saturday. It seemed that races were thrown away simply because the jockeys figuring in the finish could not resist using the whip when hard pressed. I could name no less than three instances where a pony visibly started (and thus lost ground) when the whip was applied just as the ponies were about to pass the post. When a pony is picking up ground with every stride, without being whipped, it seems sheer folly to change one's tactics and apply the whip. The sudden startling of a pony is very noticeable at a distance although those watching the race from the rails would probably not see it at all. During the annual meetings when we have a number of the best jockeys from Shanghai in our midst it is noticeable that if they use the whip at all it is at the distance post or even before that but there is no sudden application say fifty yards from home. However, ponies react differently to this sort of treatment and sometimes a smart crack does produce the desired result, but not always!

The time for the mile and a quarter event for "B" Class Australian ponies, won by Mermaid, provides food for interesting comment. Liberty Bay's time over the same distance in the Champions was better by three seconds while subsequently Diana Bay also touched 2.27. For the present, it would seem that the best China ponies racing here are about the same as a second-rate Australian pony, but with records going lower all the time, the day may yet dawn when China ponies will run as well as Australians. It may take some ten years, but if the type of cross-bred ponies that race here keeps on improving who knows what the next ten years will produce?

While on the subject of Saturday's racing, it might be as well to draw attention to some of the interesting betting figures. Why did Battling Horse carry so many tickets in the last race? Had the pony won it would not have paid more than 4-1. Where was the justification for it? Another pony that was well backed (though by no means as heavily as Battling Horse) was Auction Bridge. The pony has never done anything to merit such support. A study of the betting figures also reveals another interesting thing, that in most cases the public pounce on one candidate and make him the favourite, so that if any other pony comes in, it pays well. On Saturday, the favourites were Night Star (winner), Alexandra Hall, Don (winner), Hey Tor, Christmas Belle, Poker Face (winner), Valorous, But After That, and Warrington. Only three favourites won out of nine races and all of them odds on! Does it pay to back favourites?

Swimming

I hear on good authority, though not officially, that the Victoria Recreation Club, the premier swimming club in the Colony, may not join the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Federation and that, if the water polo league is started by the Federation that it is just possible they may not join it. Possibly a statement with regard to this might be made at the annual meeting this afternoon. There is a distinct prospect, I hear, of the V.R.C. inviting a Shanghai swimming team to Hong Kong in the autumn.

Billiards

As will be seen from reports appearing in this paper, interest in billiards is being revived and following the Championships at St. Patrick's Club, the champion and runner-up (A. J. Osmund and J. Jarman) were engaged against the Chinese team at the Orowan Club on Monday and again last night. Some very good billiards was seen and I understand that the aim of the promoters of these series of matches is to try and arrange an interport match between Hong Kong and Shanghai during the summer. With Osmund and Jarman

playing for Hong Kong, the local side can depend upon it that the Colony will be well represented and it is sincerely hoped that the projected arrangement will come off.

I mentioned in a previous note in this column that Osmund's best break in local billiards was somewhere in the vicinity of 330. Actually the Champions highest break is 391 made in 1929.

Football

Interest in football seemed to be on the wane as the Championships of all the three divisions have more or less been decided. The second division has already been won by the Chinese Athletics; South China, although beaten by the Regreio on Sunday, have only to complete their programme to carry off the First division honours, while that of the Third division is as good as won by the Borderers. The only close struggle for the championship was in the first division, but the Gunners, the only team which might have threatened South China, have already lost their chances of winning.

Several surprises were registered in the League football matches played during the week-end, the biggest being the defeat of South China by the Club de Recreio. That the Chinese, potential champions of the first division, should have been defeated was beyond calculations, as even the staunchest supporters of the Recreio did not expect such a result. The Chinese, however, have themselves to blame as they had practically the whole of the game, but their confidence proved their downfall. In the second half especially they kept the ball, with the exception of only two occasions, continuously in the Portuguese half, but could not score. That they were confident of success can be gauged by the fact that even their backs came up to join the attack! The Portuguese team, although the weakest by results have provided followers of football with the biggest surprises of the season and it will be remembered, that several weeks ago they beat the Gunners, another strong team.

The Artillery, at one time strong challengers for the Championship, also suffered defeat in the hands of a comparatively weak team, the Police. The Gunners were without the services of two of their regular forwards, Moore and Woods, and their absence was probably responsible for the defeat. They had as many opportunities to score as the Police, but chances went astray. As a result of this defeat their third in succession—the Gunners will have to be careful with their remaining fixtures otherwise they may lose even the runners-up position as the Borderers and the Lincolns are close on their heels.

The Chinese Athletics, fielding practically the same team that carried off the Second Division championship, beat St. Joseph's by four goals to one. Ever since their return from Manila the Saints have been of their former selves. Most of their players seemed to have lost heart and only seven turned up at the match. Consequently the captain had to call upon four of the Recreio third division players, who had just finished their match with the Radio, to fill the places.

Lawn Tennis

At the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held last Friday several new proposals were put forward and adopted. The most notable were the abandonment of Saturday afternoon play and the relegation and promotion of each team in the three divisions under usual conditions. Games will be played on every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and the opening date has been fixed on May 29. The Chinese Recreation Club are at present holders of all the three championships, but this year they will have to go all out to retain them as the Indian Recreation Club and the United Services are making a strong bid for the honours.

BILLIARDS

EXHIBITION MATCH LAST NIGHT

The second series of exhibition billiards matches were held at the Orowan Club last night. Mr. A. J. Osmund, the Colony's champion defeated Pong Shui Ping, who is reputed to be the leading Chinese player in Hong Kong by 600 points to 364, while 8/8g J. Jarman, runner-up of the Colony, beat E. D. Bush by 600 points to 310. The highest break of the evening was made by Jarman who scored 154, while Pong was next with 110. Osmund's highest break was 90 and Bush 44.

"ADVENTURES AMONG ENGLISH BOOKS"

(Continued from page 6.)

war! I found that the interview with the Taoistic uncle was not as formidable as I had feared; and events rushed in so rapidly, after that ordeal, that the Buddhist uncle had never had an opportunity of testing my knowledge of Buddhism. The work was hard, but the result justified all of it, and more; for in the end I had the happiness of welcoming out of the bridal chair into my home, the young lady who is now the precious mother of our nine children.

I think I can fittingly and this rambling autobiographic fragment with this episode—the most important of all my adventures in Book-land. In looking back through the years, I am thankful that a benign Providence gave me, at a tender age, such a wise guide as the police sergeant, and placed me in circumstances in which I had easy access to good books. And now, slowly, gradually and without much of a systematic plan, I have accumulated a sufficiency of books which have been to me wise mentors, true friends and cheerful companions; which have helped to shape my character and broaden my outlook on life, and bring to me solace in time of gloom, and make golden my happy hours.

THE DISCUSSION.

The discussion which followed was opened by Mrs. Southern who thanked Dr. Kotewall for his excellent discourse, which she personally enjoyed very much. "It seems to me," she said, "just what we want at the English Association, because it strikes a personal note." The address had brought before the audience most vividly the way in which Dr. Kotewall began his library and how by degrees most of the books were acquired.

Mr. W. Handyside described the paper as being "characteristic of one who has read English and Chinese literature for most of his life."

Mr. G. W. Reeve said it would be helpful if the speaker could mention any particular book which had set a light to his career when he was young. It would be helpful for English and Chinese students to know the names of such books.

Dr. Kotewall said it was not any particular book which roused his thirst for more books, but rather a weekly called "The Great Thought," which a Chinese friend lent him when he was 18 years of age. He read the weekly subscribed to it and he confessed he derived a good deal of benefit out of it. It was not a book, however, but a man on which he had tried to model himself, and the man was no other than his former Governor, Sir Henry May.

Professor Simpson said that as a teacher of English literature, he had listened with great attention to this journey through English literature without the help of a teacher. It seemed that under the baton of a police sergeant one could further than under a school teacher. It was interesting to hear how Dr. Kotewall graduated from the Police library to the City Hall library.

Referring to Dr. Kotewall's closing anecdote, Professor Simpson said that with such inducements ahead of them, many people would have taken on bigger tasks than Dr. Kotewall had done. (Laughter.)

Another point of interest, said Professor Simpson, was how Dr. Kotewall accumulated these hundreds of volumes of Chinese books. They had heard how Edgar Wallace made money out of his books and spent it on horses and it was therefore interesting to hear that someone had made money out of horses and spent it on books.

The Hon. Mr. Southern said he wished to add his appreciation to Dr. Kotewall's kindness in giving the paper. He thought the address was of added interest to those who have had the privilege of seeing Dr. Kotewall's library, as it was interesting to know how some of the books came to be collected.

H.E. The Governor vinding up the discussion said he had much pleasure in tendering a very hearty vote of thanks on behalf of the Association for Dr. Kotewall's paper. "We owe him a great deal for giving us a description of what led to his love of books," said His Excellency. "He is not content to own books and incidentally spend money on them, but he spends considerable time reading them."

It was interesting, said His Excellency, to hear that different kinds of books appealed to people in different moods. He recalled the December of 1919, which was the "blackest month of his official life." He was in Singapore; then and his nerves were wearing down and during those days, he found that he saved his nerves by reading what he had read many times before, the humble book called "The Great Thought."

His Excellency concluded by thanking Dr. Kotewall for his paper and by thanking Mr. Osmund and Professor Simpson for doing the "secretarial work" for the evening. The present series of matches were ended, and it was hoped the Association would have similar success next year.

INTER-VARSITY MEET

TO BE HELD AT CANTON
APRIL 15-17

The Third South China Inter-Varsity Athletic Meet will be held at Canton on April 15 and 17, when athletes from the Hong Kong, Lingnan, and Sun Yat Sen Universities will compete for the Championship. The Amoy University at first intended to join the Meet, but has abandoned the project.

The following have been selected to represent the local University:—V. Grunberg, A. C. N. da Silva, R. Symons, H. T. Wu, A. T. Lee (Capt.), K. S. Cheng, C. T. Law, S. Y. Cheng, Young Yuk Wah, O. I. de Souza, K. J. Choa, K. C. Tsang, K. Y. Lee, F. R. Zimmerman; Misses Kitty Tse, Alice Wood, Anna Ho, Kwok Wai Fun, and Grace Chan.

VARSITY UNION

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong University (Students) Union was held yesterday afternoon in the Great Hall of the University. Three hundred undergraduates gathered to elect the officers of the Union for 1933-34. For the first time in the history of the University a lady-undergraduate was elected as an officer-bearer in the Union. The result of the elections is as follows:

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SLAVERY

The best cure for an evil is to supplant it gradually by constructive good. The *mui tai* system is undoubtedly pernicious—one hesitates to call it an evil—yet it has been practised for so long in China that we cannot expect abusive criticism to affect its demise. According to Chinese morality there is nothing to be ashamed of in adopting the unwanted daughter of poor parents and giving her a home. If she is made to work hard, she is at least better fed and treated than she would be in her own home, and in respectable families the *mui tai* is often shown a little affection by her mistress. In every country there are bad women and cruel women and it is these who open the *mui tai* system to abuse by subjecting the girls to every form of indignity and suffering. Yet the instances of cruelty which are published in the papers are the exception rather than the rule, and one seldom hears of the kindness with which many *mui tai* are treated. Not long ago some Chinese girls were "rescued" from slavery in Hong Kong and were ordered by the local officials to be sent back to their parents in Canton. Instead of being overjoyed at their freedom, these girls were terrified at the prospect of returning to the sordid and brutal surroundings from which they had been bought, and, falling on their knees, bow-towed to the officials, and with tears in their eyes begged them not to send them back. Incidents like these rather incline one to the opinion that it is not always safe to interfere with an old custom or abolish it without leaving something to take its place. The sad part about these cases of repatriated *mui tai* is that nobody knows or cares what happens to them when they leave their mistresses. Once they have left the Colony the Government officials are satisfied that their work is done and that the fair name of Hong Kong has been heightened by one *mui tai* less. Yet we are morally responsible for the consequences of the reforms we introduce, and we cannot escape that responsibility. It is not enough to sweep an evil from one place if by so doing we create a worse evil elsewhere. If we are convinced that the *mui tai* system is wicked and that these girls must be rescued at all costs, then we must carry the matter further and ensure that the girls are properly protected and cared for when they have been liberated from service.

In Kowloon a courageous attempt to solve this problem has been made by forming a Girl Guide Company of *mui tai* girls. They are taught new principles and ideals which completely alter their outlook on life and give them hope and self-respect. Life, no longer a weary vista of slavery and neglect, becomes full of promise and they are confident to face the future frankly and unafraid. This is constructive reform and it is far likelier to influence the decay of the *mui tai* system than the severe and clumsy policy that Home enthusiasts would have us pursue. If a custom is in accord with a people's ideas it can never seem wrong to them; in order to change what is wrong we must first seek to change the ideas. Such systems as the *mui tai* system cannot be uprooted suddenly, and it will take long and patient years of education, and example before the ordinary people of China can be brought to realise that the unwanted daughter has just as great a value as the son who may turn out to be a prodigal.

KOWLOON A HIVE OF INDUSTRY

NUMEROUS FACTORIES ON THE MAINLAND

"Silk weaving into cloth is a nascent Kowloon industry. It was quite recently imported from China. In Kowloon it enjoys freedom from labour difficulties such as are promoted and fostered elsewhere by Communist influences such as are promoted and fostered elsewhere by Communist influences. It has been started and operated by Chinese from Shanghai, and is full of promise of success under normal conditions.

Firecracker manufacturing has met with varying success in the Colony. A few years ago American interests actually went to the extent of erecting a factory in the Homantin district. It was overtaken by disaster when a terrific explosion took place, attended by a number of casualties among the Chinese women and girls working in the factory. It has not been restarted since.

The Chinese, however, have made several new attempts to secure a foothold with the industry in Kowloon, and every precaution is now taken to ensure the safety of workers in these factories. The market for firecrackers, as is well known, is a good one in the cities of California, U.S.A., which import firecrackers to the extent of several million dollars' worth annually from Hong Kong and South China.

Knitting Factories.
Knitting factories for cotton underwear and socks are widely distributed in various districts of Kowloon. They are of such a nature that small capitalists are enabled to start factories with the engagement of a number of Chinese women and girls. Not all these factories are housed in buildings specially designed as factories, but in their aggregate they are sufficiently important to make the knitting industry in the Colony one

deserving of comment in a record of its industrial enterprises.

So greatly have these industries multiplied within recent years that the Government has seen fit to employ an inspector of factories, with regulations that ensure the safety of, and hygienic conditions for, the lives of the workers engaged in the factories in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Sweated labour, such as is known elsewhere, does not exist in Hong Kong, and the conditions of the working classes may be said to be as good and as free from abuses as anywhere in the world where the interests of the industrial classes call for the protection of their respective Governments.

Under the paternal and watchful eyes of the British administration such as it exists in Hong Kong, it is unthinkable that industrial abuses can ever be so rife as to call for restrictive measures by the Legislature. With the freedom of the port, the justice of its administration, the inexhaustible supply of labour that the Chinese inhabitants can produce, the absence of any burden of heavy taxation in all forms excepting that of a flat rate of 17 per cent. on rents, and with housing conditions that are becoming better and better regulated each year, and with the demolition of old houses to make room for the working classes in healthier surroundings—industries in Hong Kong and Kowloon are bound to find a foothold that must, in the end, reward the enterprise of capitalists. They are found among both Europeans and Chinese, who are mutually confident of each other, and, with confidence and reciprocal faith, joint capital is subscribed not only for the promotion of new industries, but also for the fostering of older ones, promising expansion with the growth and greater prosperity of the Colony.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

CALENDAR AND NOTICE FOR EASTER

Wednesday, April 5.—Litany, Prayers and Meditation, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 6.—St. Andrew's Club Discussion Class, 9 p.m.
Subject, "Love and Marriage." Opener, Rev. W. W. Rogers.
Sunday, April 9.—Palm Sunday.
11 a.m. Preacher—The Vicar.
Subject, "An Inevitable Conflict."
6 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. D. Stewart.
Monday, April 10.—Musical Lecture by Rev. E. C. H. Tribbeck on "Peer Gynt."
Monday, April 10.—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
Tuesday, April 11.—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
Wednesday, April 12.—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
Tuesday, April 11.—Mothers' Union, 2.45 p.m.
Thursday, April 13.—Maundy Thursday.
The Choir will render Strainer's "Crucifixion" at 9 p.m.
A Celebration of Holy Communion will follow.
Friday, April 14.—Good Friday.
11 a.m. Three Hours Service.
Saturday, April 15.—Easter Eve—song, 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 16.—Easter Day.
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
Preacher—The Vicar.
Subject, "Love Triumphant."
3 p.m. Young People's Service.
Sermon—The Vicar.
Preacher—The Bishop of Victoria.
Sunday, April 23.—1st Sunday after Easter.
Wednesday, April 26.—Annual meeting of British and Foreign Bible Society at Helena May Institute Hong Kong. Tel. 4.40 p.m.

BEGGAR MURDERED IN SHATIN

TWO MENDICANTS "WANTED" BY POLICE

A beggar was found murdered in Shatin on Monday, and as a result all mendicants in the Colony between the ages of 25 and 45 are being rounded up by the police with a view to checking their movements during that time.
The murdered man is Chan Shing, aged about 40 years, described as a mendicant. He was found dead in a deserted gully, but along the railway line near the 3 1/2 mile stone, in the Shatin district. There were two severe wounds, one on each side of the neck, as well as several small cuts on the face and hands.
Two mendicants, Li Sang, 30 stated to be a mendicant-singer and Li Sz, 40, both natives of Wai-chow, are "wanted" by the police on suspicion in connexion with the crime. It is believed that both men knew the deceased had three or four dollars in his possession, but a search of the body revealed no money.

UNION CHURCH

The second anniversary of Union Church, Kowloon, will be celebrated on Sunday next, when special services in the morning and evening will be conducted by the Minister, the Rev. Dr. E. L. Allen. After the evening service their will be a congregational supper, followed by an organ recital by Mrs. Frank Short. Suitable anthems will be sung by the choir, which Mrs. Schroeder will play a violin solo.
Meeting 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, April 30.—2nd Sunday after Easter.
Confirmation Service 6 p.m.

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**CHATER BUNGALOW
CLAIM****Mr. Raven Severely
Cross-Examined**Mr. A. R. F. Raven, principal
partner of the firm of Messrs.
Raven and Basto, architects, was
in the witness box all day yester-
day, when he was cross-examined
by Mr. F. C. Jenkin regarding the
claim in connection with the
design of buildings on the Chater
Bungalow claim.The claim brought by Messrs.
Raven and Basto is for \$80,000 for
work done in the preparation of
plans for the site. They are re-
presented by Mr. Eldon Potter,
K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (in-
structed by Messrs. Hastings and
Co.).The defendants are the Woo Lee
Land Investment Company, of 6
Queen's Road Central, and Chan
Yu Ting and Wo Lai Tin, partners
therein. They are represented by
Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., and Mr.
H. C. Macnamara (instructed by
Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist).Mr. Raven stated yesterday that
he first knew that some of the lots
on the site had been sold on
September 28 during an interview
at the P.W.D. at which Chan and
Wo were present. The interview
was in connection with the area of
land to be given over for the lay-
out of a playground. Although this
discovery was a surprise to him,
he did not discuss it with Chan
and Wo when they returned to his
office. While they were at the
firm's office he showed them some
tracings, which were almost com-
pleted. It was from these tracings
that the sun-print was taken.Mr. Jenkin—Is it not a fact
that Cheng Chiu Nam (an em-
ployee at the plaintiff's office and
also a partner in the defendant
company) was in charge of the
Chater Bungalow Site work?Witness—He did the clerical
work and work on the plans un-
der our supervision.
Plan register books belonging to
plaintiffs and to Cheng personally
were produced and witness said the
record of the Chater Bungalow
Site work was not entered in the
Raven and Basto books, but only
in Cheng's register.His Lordship—You say the
work on the Chater Bungalow Site
was Raven and Basto work. Why
is it not entered in their books—
Because it is entered in Cheng's
books.Mr. Potter said that Cheng
worked under an arrangement
whereby any work introduced by
him should be performed under the
supervision of Messrs. Raven and
Basto, the latter taking responsi-
bility. Such work was not entered
in the books of the firms, but in
Cheng's register only. The com-
plete record of the plans executed
by Messrs. Raven and Basto were
the registers of Cheng and the firm
together.Mr. Jenkin concluded his cross-
examination yesterday and re-
examination commences this morn-
ing at 10 a.m.**NEED KOWLOON BE
SHANGHAIED****AN APPEAL FOR BEAUTY IN
TOWN PLANNING**What will Kowloon be like in 50
years? Need it be like what it
looks like becoming? Need it be a
second rate Shanghai, because, like
Tokyo, it just grew?What, anyway, has the future of
Kowloon to do with the respect-
able journal of a nineteenth cen-
tury Cathedral?Much every way. People will
live in the new Kowloon. And
people are the concern of the
church, not as sources of profit,
but just as people, as John Brown,
and Mary Robinson, or as Trevor
Timor-Chomondely-Mariorbanks-
Jones.And people have to live in an
"environment." They cannot live
in aeroplanes or fly off to cities
of Beautiful Nonsense.What is wrong with New Kow-
loon as an "environment"? It's
monotonous. And monotony is the
worst enemy of people.After the stained glass windows
of the last century, monotony is
the devil's greatest invention for
destroying souls.The Cathedrals in England did
their best in the old days. Dur-
ham and Lincoln and many other
places are saved from monotony
by their Cathedrals.This then is my request. Make
a distinctive, sensible beautiful
Kowloon by building Cathedrals.
Not for Sundays, but for week
days. Not like the temple of
Jerusalem but like the home of
Nazareth.Build great blocks of flats set
in parks with tennis courts and
God's air given its chance.God made the country, men live
in their folly. (Having never liv-
ed in a labourer's cottage and
"men make the towns.") Why
shouldn't God and man together
build a New Kowloon?God could give men space and
views and variety. Why not make
Kowloon a series of different blocks
of flats in steel and concrete or
(Continued at foot of next column)**DIOCESAN BOYS
SCHOOL SPOTS****Victory of Brown House**The Diocesan Boys' School held
their annual inter-house sports on
Friday, March 31, when the inter-
house competition result in decisive
win for the Brown House. Ong
Cheng Su, among the Seniors and
E. Hunt among the juniors were
well to the fore.

The results were as follows:—

SENIOR100 Yards.—1, Ong Cheng Su
(Yellow); 2, Fung Sing Chea
(Brown); 3, Chiu Kai Cho (Brown).
400 Yards.—1, Fung Sing Chea
(Brown); 2, F. Winyard (Yellow);
3, J. Winyard (Green).
1 Mile.—1, J. Pretijohn (Brown);
2, J. Winyard (Green); 3, F. Win-
yard (Yellow).
High Jump.—1, Ong Cheng Su
(Yellow); 2, E. Banker (Brown); 3,
S. H. Wong (Green). Height: 5ft.
3ins.Long Jump.—1, S. H. Wong
(Green); 2, Ong Cheng Su (Yellow);
3, E. Banker (Brown).
Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, S.
Iant (Yellow); 2, K. Maruyama
(Green); 3, E. Banker (Brown).
Distance: 74yds. 2ft.
Tug-of-War.—1, Yellow House; 2,
Blue House.Relay.—1, Brown House; 2, Green
House; 3, Yellow House.**JUNIOR**100 Yards.—1, E. Hunt (Brown);
2, F. Smith (Green); 3, G. Willis
(Green).
220 Yards.—1, E. Hunt (Brown);
2, H. Mugford (Yellow); 3, J. Fen-
ton (Brown).Half Mile.—1, F. Smith (Green);
2, E. Hunt (Brown); 3, G. Willis
(Green).High Jump.—1, E. Hunt
(Brown); 2, F. Smith and G. Willis
Tie (Green).Long Jump.—1, F. Smith
(Green); 2, E. Hunt (Brown); 3,
G. Willis (Green).Tug-of-War.—1, Yellow House; 2,
Brown.Relay.—1, Brown House; 2, Green
House; 3, Yellow House.Total Points.—Brown House 67,
Yellow House 49, Green House 45,
Blue House 6.**GOLF****HAPPY VALLEY TEAM v.
KOWLOON G.C.**The following in playing order
have been selected to represent
Happy Valley Golfers versus Kow-
loon Golf Club on Good Friday,
April 14:—C. W. F. Booker, Dr. J. A. R.
Solby, A. McKellar, C. B. Robert-
son, R. O. Law, W. A. Stewart, A.
E. Charman, A. E. Clarke, A. Mac-
Farlane, E. M. Hanlon, A. Brooks-
bank, S. S. Cook, J. J. King, H. N.
Williamson, R. R. Davies, Capt. A.
W. Muir.Reserves:—Lt. P. L. Jamieson, J.
M. Wilson, N. Drummond.**"YELLOW DRAGON"****Spring Number of Q.C.
Magazine.**Besides containing much that in-
terests the Old Boys of Queen's
College, the Spring number of the
Yellow Dragon has several articles
which will appeal to people in
Hong Kong generally.Matters that will interest the old
boys are (1) Mr. W. Kay (now hap-
pily married) is acting Head Master
of the School during the absence on
holiday of Mr. F. J. de Rome, (2)
the Q.C.O.B.A. annual meeting was
held on March 16 and Mr. A. el
Arauli has been elected President,
(3) that the "O.B.A." has a bal-
ance of \$7,418.99 on the right side
and that it is continuing its good
work and (4) that Mr. Te Tung
Feng, one of the oldest Chinese
masters in the school, is still hale
and hearty and his picture can be
seen on the front page among the
school's staff.There are a number of other very
readable articles particularly one
headed "Survey of Current Events"
in which the latest news on avia-
tion, explorations, volcanoes and
earthquakes, and matters of his-
torical interest, including some re-
cent local "finds" are discussed.
A number of clear photographs
(on glazed paper) are included in
the current number.

S.H.

signed with the beauty and power
of the great architects of our day,
one in every two acres or so.
I have no quarrel with the in-
dividual houses now being so well
built. Nor do I quarrel with
corkle shells. They are beautiful
things. But corkle shells all in a
row make more than Mary con-
trary.If you want initiative, if you
want character, if you want vision,
you must give men space and
height.The Gothills of Kowloon are
God's gift for making a beautiful
city a Cathedral-like block of
flats, worthy of the men
and women of the future."Septimus" in St.
St. John's Review**UNION WATERBOAT
CO.****Considerable Increase in
Gross Profit****50 CENTS DIVIDEND**The twenty-eighth ordinary general
meeting of the Union Waterboat
Company, Ltd. was held at the
offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co.,
Ltd., yesterday afternoon, Mr. J.
P. Warren being in the chair.The notice convening the meeting
having been read the chairman ad-
dressed the meeting as follows:—Gentlemen,—Although the amount
of water sold and the revenue from
same were practically the same as
last year, the gross profit on work-
ing shows a considerable increase
mainly due to more economical run-
ning, the expenditure being \$203,103
as against \$292,815 in the previous
year. Against this however divi-
dends on investments are \$4,000 less,
and interest on overdraft incurred
in connection with payment for
the new No. 3 Waterboat and the
new motor launch Diana, is \$7,300
more than in 1931.After making full allowance for
depreciation on Waterboats, Motor
Launch, and furniture and for bad
and doubtful debts, the net profit
for the year under review is
\$18,322.45 as against \$19,393.75 last
year, add to \$4,001.90 brought for-
ward from last account and there
remains for appropriation the sum
of \$22,324.35 with which it is pro-
posed to deal as follows:—To pay a dividend of 50 cents per
share on 38,813 shares—
Absorbing \$19,406.50
Carry forward to 1933 2,917.85
\$22,324.35**Motor Driven Craft.**The increase in our gross profits
has enabled us to deal more satis-
factorily with the very important
question of depreciation on our
Waterboats and \$19,325.55 has been
written off as against \$8,366.57 in
1931 an increase of \$10,958.98. This
matter of depreciation has been gone
into very carefully with our
Auditors in addition to which we
have also had the advantage of
expert technical advice with the
result that your Consulting Com-
mittee are of the opinion that the
schedule adopted is sound and
should be adhered to in future. The
fleet has been maintained in a high
state of efficiency and it is hoped
that the older steam boats will in
time be replaced by motor driven
craft which are much more economi-
cal. Before concluding I should
like to place on record our sincere
regret at the recent death of Mr.
D. E. de Sousa who acted as the
Company's Accountant and Secre-
tary for the last twenty years and**CHINESE PRODUCTS
EXHIBITION****TO BE HELD SHORTLY AT
SINCERE'S**Preparations for the forthcoming
exhibition of Chinese Products
shortly to be held on the Roof
Garden of the Sincere Company
are nearly completed. The few
who managed to see behind the
screens to-day, were delighted with
the charming display. Silk in hun-
dreds of designs and shades, blue,
red, yellow, almost every hue of
the rainbow, made a pavement of
colour and the original draping and
effects achieved form an attractive
setting for first class merchandise.Perhaps one of the most interest-
ing features is the stand which dis-
plays exhibits of Bakelite. The
same delightful, light, unbreakable
ware, but manufactured by Shang-
hai makers at less than one quar-
ter of the usual price. A dainty
unbreakable cup and saucer in
bakelite should appeal to most
discriminate people and it is an-
ticipated that many picnic baskets
will be enhanced this season by the
addition of Bakelite ware.Other stands likely to attract
most attention are those devoted
to displays of silk stockings, per-
fumery, and samples of knitted and
bathing ware, also of Chinese
manufacturers and the remaining
days Hong Kong and Canton.The exhibition will be opened on
the 6th inst., by the Mayor of Can-
ton, which will be followed by a
banquet to which hundreds of Chi-
nese and foreign guests have been
invited.From the 7th until the 21st inst.,
the Roof Garden will be open free
to the general public who are cor-
dially invited to inspect the dis-
play.to extend to the relatives of the
deceased an expression of our
deepest sympathy in their sad
bereavement.I do not think there is anything
further calling for comment, and
I now beg to propose the adoption
of the report and accounts as pre-
sented, and when this has been
seconded I shall be pleased to an-
swer to the best of my ability any
questions that share holders may
wish to ask.The motion for the adoption of
the report and accounts was second-
ed by Mr. T. B. Stevenson and
carried unanimously.Those present were: Messrs. J. P.
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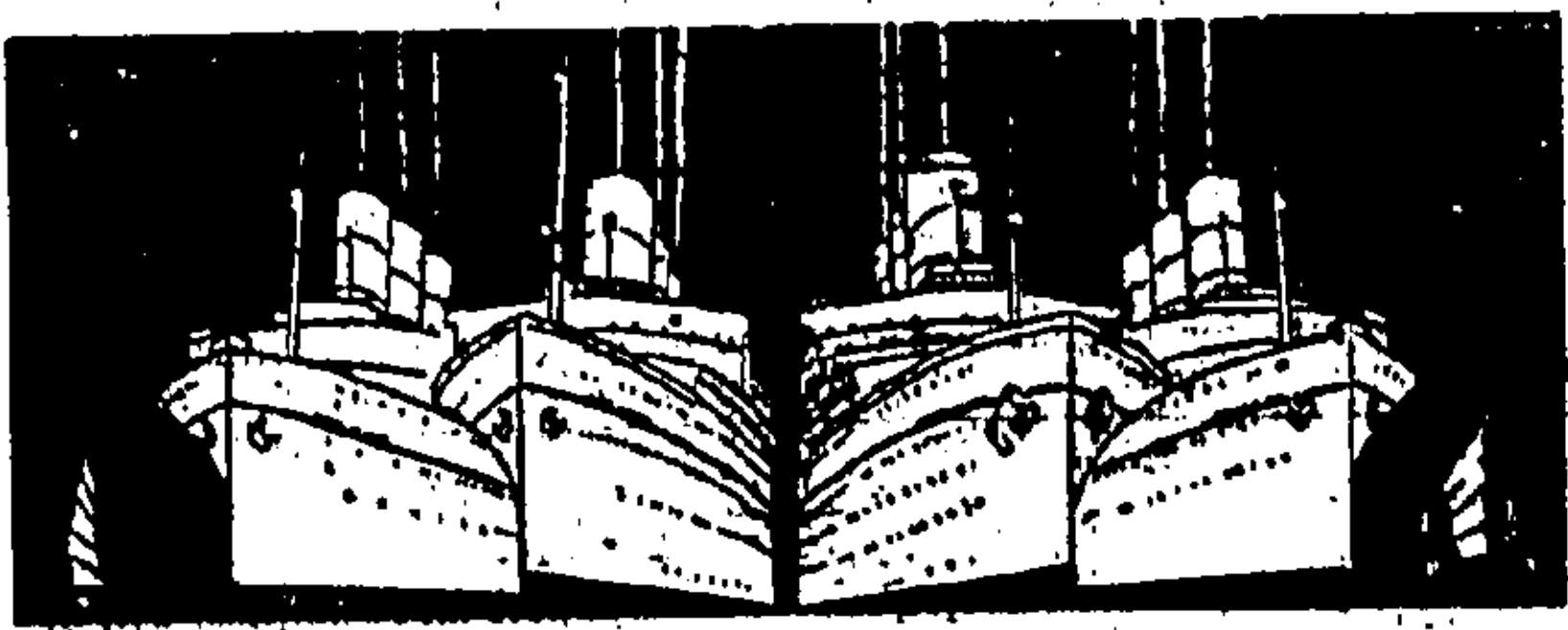
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to \$10.00. Values up to \$15.00.100 exquisite nighties, all sizes, designs and
colours, plain, embroidered and lace trimmed:
to be sold at from \$8.00 to \$13.00. Values
up to \$18.00.These are the specials, and to clear our stocks
every garment in the house is reduced in price at
the same ratio during the sale.Knowing what heat does to the natural flowers
in Hong Kong and Kowloon, THE JADE TREE has
prepared a sale of their exquisite artificial flowers.
One entire end of The Temple is given up to these
gorgeous blooms and they are being sold at half
the usual price, to give everyone an opportunity to
secure an adequate supply before the hot weather
begins. Bowls have been arranged to sell with
contents at a fixed price for all other flowers by
the piece or the dozen to suit.**FLOWERS**Two dozen beautiful evening pyjamas designed for wear at the popular
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Emp. of Asia ... May 5	May 7	May 9	May 11	May 13	May 15	May 22
Emp. of Canada ... May 19	May 21	May 23	May 25	May 27	May 29	June 6
Emp. of Russia ... June 2	June 4	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 12	June 19
Emp. of Japan ... June 16	June 18	June 20	June 22	June 24	June 26	July 4
Emp. of Asia ... July 3	July 5	July 7	July 9	July 11	July 13	July 20
Emp. of Canada ... July 17	July 19	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 27	Aug. 4
Emp. of Russia ... July 24	July 26	July 28	July 30	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 12
Emp. of Japan ... Aug. 11	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 17	Aug. 19	Aug. 21	Aug. 29
Emp. of Asia ... Aug. 25	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 4	Sept. 11
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Clearances,
Ships in Harbour, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS

IMPORTS 8,430 TONS;
THROUGH PORTS
9,880 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

British.	Canton	700
American.	Seattle	1,050
Tacoma.	Los Angeles	3,400
President McKinley.	New York	850
		1,900 — 6,840
German.	Duisburg	1,280
		2,000 — 2,000
Dutch.	Tjisadane	—
	Shanghai	950
Norwegian.	Hellas	1,300
	Bangkok	—
Japanese.	Kojun Maru	2,990
	Dairen	—
		2,990 —
Chinese.	Tin Seng	350
	Fort Bayard	—
Teckum.	Hoihow	510
		880 —
		8,430 — 9,880

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Taiyuan (British), Canton	108
Duisburg (German), Hamburg	16
Tjisadane (Dutch), Shanghai	35
Hellas (Norwegian), Bangkok	61
Teckum (Chinese), Hoihow	12
Total	335

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:—

British	1	3
American	3	1
German	1	0
Dutch	2	0
Norwegian	1	0
Japanese	2	3
Chinese	2	1
Total	12	8

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant ships were in port yesterday:—

Wharves.	
Kowloon:—Celebes Maru, Glen-garry, President McKinley.	
A.P.C.—North Point.—June.	
Socony—Laichikok.—Tabchee and Tascaula.	
Jardine, Matheson's.—Sandviken.	
O.S.K.—Hozan Maru.	
Douglas Lapraik.—Svale, Hai-ching.	

Docks.

Kowloon:—Limchow, Mao Lee, Baby Castle, Besays.

Taikoo:—Rhexenor.

Buoys.

No. A2.—Tjisadane.
No. A11.—Tacoma.
No. A12.—Silversand.
No. B2.—Fooshing.
No. B3.—Taiyuan.
No. B5.—Kamo.
No. B6.—Teckum.
No. B8.—Ardent.
No. B9.—Shunchih.
No. B10.—Henrik.
No. B11.—Wong Shek Kung.
No. B12.—Tin Seng.
No. B14.—Suiyang.
No. B16.—Hellas.
No. B18.—Haishang.
No. B25.—Levenridge.
No. C1.—Bintang.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port:—
Basin.—Tamar.
East Wall.—Moorhen, Odin, Otus, Rainbow, Oswald.
North Arm.—Wren, Wishart, Witch, Whited, and Wild Swan.
Dock.—Verity and Wild Swan.
Taikoo.—Harcos.
Kowloon.—Falmouth.
No. 7 Buoy.—Folkstone.
Foreign.—French Argus, U.S.S. Fulton, Chinese Fei Hsing and Likin, Italian Quarto.

ARRIVALS.

April 3.

President McKinley, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. R. E. Carey, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar Line.

Tacoma, American str., 8,482 tons, Capt. Albert Wilson, from Kobe, buoy No. A11.—American Mail Line.

Tin Seng, Chinese str., 943 tons, Capt. Kwok Shau, from Kwang Chow Wan, buoy No. B12.—Wohop & Co.

April 4.

Akita Maru, Japanese str., 2,315 tons, Capt. M. Sato, from Singapore, buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.

Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Hoihow, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Canton, Swedish str., 3,432 tons, Capt. S. Hallberg, from Manila, Holt's Wharf.—Gillman & Co.

Chichibu Maru, Japanese str., 10,288 tons, Capt. G. Arakida, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Golden Tide, American str., 3,720 tons, Capt. M. E. Shigley, from Shanghai, Stonecutters.—States & Co.

Hakodate Maru, Japanese str., 3,104 tons, Capt. J. Moriyama, from Paraseval Bay, Kowloon Bay.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Havre Maru, Japanese str., 3,450 tons, Capt. J. Stow, from Sakito.—O.S.K.

Katie Moller, British str., 1,872 tons, Capt. J. W. Jones, from Swatow, buoy No. A5.—Thorsen & Co.

Kingyuan, British str., 1,848 tons, Capt. Allison, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. Ikeda, from Dairen, Yaumati.—D.K.K.

Sibigo, Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. Kielman, from Canton, Yaumati.—J.O.J.L.

Silversand, British str., 3,693 tons, Capt. R. C. Butler, from Shanghai, buoy No. A12.—Furness (Far East) & Co. Ltd.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. J. K. Clark, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES

April 4.

Akita Maru, for Yokohama.
Anhui, for Swatow.
Baron Vernon, for Whampoa.
Canton, for Shanghai.
Haiching, for Swatow.
Kasugan Maru, for Table Island.
President McKinley, for Manila.
Sandviken, for Canton.
Shunchih, for Saigon.
Sibigo, for Berao.
Silversand, for New York.
Suiyang, for Swatow.
Taiyuan, for Shanghai.
Wong Shek Kung, for Saigon.
Wing Lee, for K. C. Wan.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Naval Authorities has issued the following notice to Mariners:—
"It is hereby notified that H.M. Ships will be exercising without lights in the vicinity of Hong Kong on the night of 5th and 6th April."

VESSELS DUE

Achilles, B. & S., April 23.

Aeneas, B. & S., April 10.

Agamemnon, B. & S., April 12.

Alipore, P. & O., April 5.

Andre Lebon, Messageries, May 9.

Antenor, B. & S., May 23.

Asama Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.

Athos II, Messageries, April 11.

Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.

Bokoyu Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Bremerhaven, Melchers, April 11.

Burdwan, P. & O., May 12.

Calcutta Maru, N.Y.K., April 28.

Carthage, P. & O., April 19.

Change, B. & S., April 11.

Chenonceaux, Messageries, April 11.

Conte Rosso, Doddwell's, April 13.

Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Danmark, Messageries, April 27.

D'Arctagnan, Messageries, April 23.

Elpenor, B. & S., April 9.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 26.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., May 12.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 14.

Empress of Russia, C.P.S., April 5.

Eumaeus, B. & S., May 7.

Felix Roussel, Messageries, May 23.

Fulda, Melchers, April 10.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., April 6.

Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., April 26.

Ixion, B. & S., May 3.

Japan, Gilman's, April 21.

Kaiser-I-Hind, P. & O., May 17.

Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.

Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., April 21.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.

Kingyuan, B. & S., April 5.

Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., April 20.

Lahn, Melchers, April 12.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 15.

Lushan Maru, N.Y.K., April 6.

Lycan, B. & S., April 11.

Macdon, B. & S., May 22.

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 20.

Mantua, P. & O., May 31.

Maron, B. & S., May 19.

Menelaus, B. & S., May 19.

Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Nalera, P. & O., May 3.

Patroclus, B. & S., April 23.

Panama Maru, N.Y.K., April 7.

Pros. Cleveland, A.M. Line, May 5.

Pros. Garfield, Dollar's, May 12.

Pros. Jackson, Dollar's, May 15.

Pros. Jefferson, A.M. Line, April 7.

Pros. Lincoln, Dollar's, May 1.

Pros. Madison, Dollar's, April 21.

Pros. Monroe, Dollar's, April 14.

Pros. Polk, Dollar's, May 20.

Pros. Van Buren, Dollar's, April 28.

Pros. Wilson, Dollar's, April 17.

Proteus, B. & S., April 12.

Ranchi, P. & O., April 7.

Rampura, P. & O., April 7.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 25.

Ruhr, Jochen, April 18.

Sale, Melchers, April 21.

Santhia, B.I. (Apar), April 19.

Sardhana, B.I. (Apar), April 19.

Soudan, P. & O., April 17.

Silverew, Furness, May 1.

Suisang, Jardine's, April 5.

Tai Ping, B. & S., May 9.

Takada, B.I. (Apar), April 5.

Takama, B.I. (Apar), April 4.

Takuma, B.I. (Apar), May 2.

Tanaka, B. & S., May 23.

Tango Maru, N.Y.K., April 10.

Tatsuma Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.

Tokyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.

Tokyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Tilava, B.I. (Apar), May 16.

Trave, Melchers, April 20.

Tryer, Melchers, May 5.

Yasukuni Maru, N.Y.K., April 25.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Vancouver on April 3, leaves Vancouver on April 8, is due at Hong Kong on the morning of April 23, and will leave for Manila in the afternoon.

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"CHITRAL"	15,000	22nd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"BHUTAN"	9,000	28th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London.
"RANOLI"	17,000	6th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"CARTRIDGE"	14,000	20th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BOUDAN"	8,800	27th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,000	3rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARAI-HIND"	15,000	17th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"BURIWAN"	6,500	24th June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	11,000	1st July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KAWALPINDI"	17,000	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"HAKODATE"	17,000	28th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"HAKODATE"	17,000	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"HAKODATE"	17,000	28th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"HAKODATE"	17,000	9th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 4.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.85	29.86	29.89
Temperature	76	73	71
Humidity	70	63	68
Wind—			
Direction	W	E	E
Force	2	3	5
Weather	BO	O	O
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 3 77
lowest open-air Temperature, 4 66

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 5, to 11 1933.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week.	Date.	Standard Time.	Height.	Days of Week.	Date.	Standard Time.	Height.
Wed.	5	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
Thu.	6	16 03	5 9				
Fri.	7	16 42	4 2				
Sat.	8	17 50	3 1				
Sun.	9	18 33	2 0				
Mon.	10	19 01	1 0				
Tues.	11	19 23	0 0				

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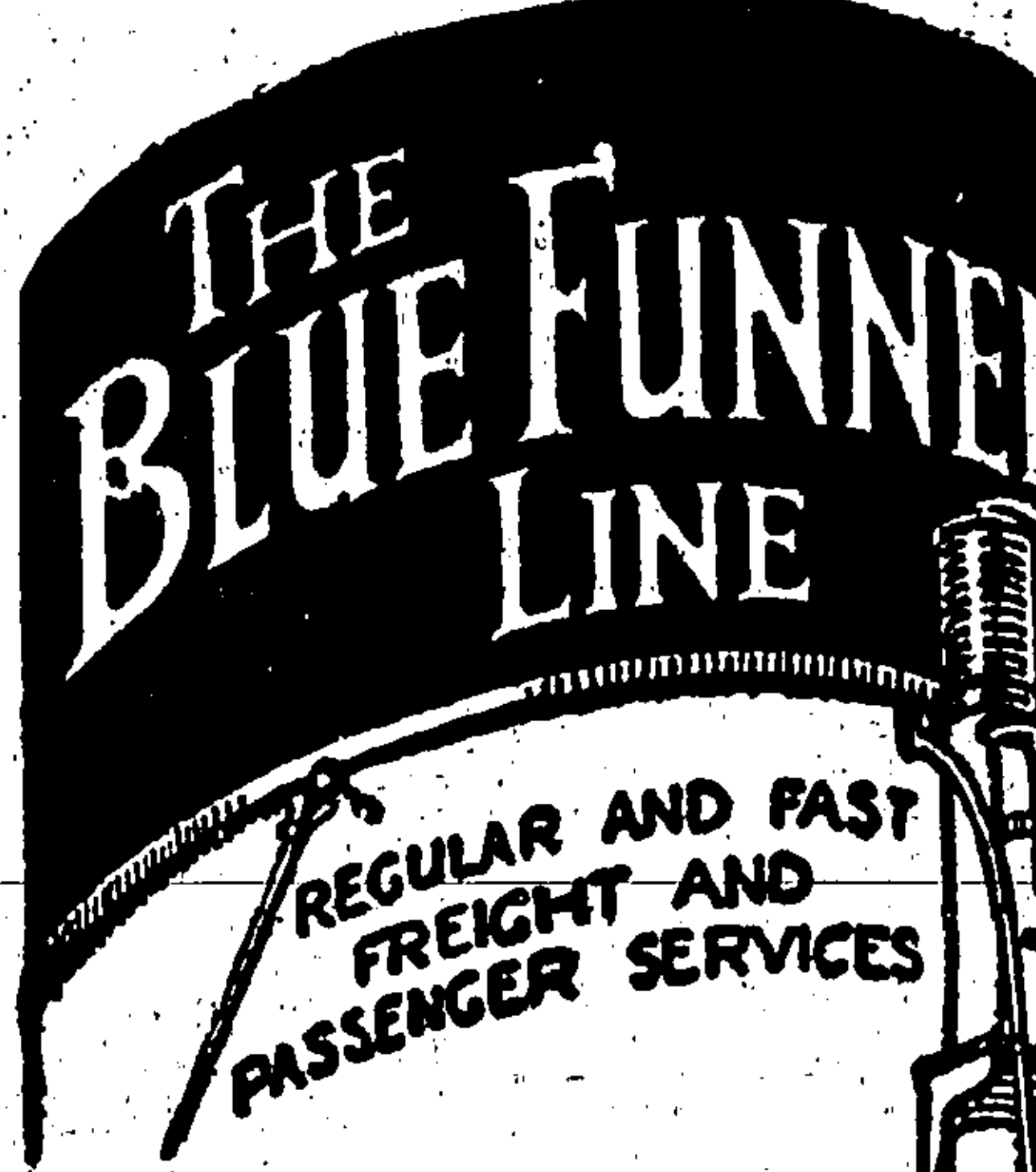
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Authorized Capital\$10,000,000.00
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NGAI SEE YAN, Manager.

HONG NIN SAVINGS BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1922.

Authorized Capital.....\$2,000,000.00

Manager—LI SING KIU.

Sub-Manager—LAU YUK WAN.

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Authorized Capital.....\$50,000,000

Issued & Fully Paid-up.....\$30,000,000

Reserve Funds:—

Sterling\$8,500,000

Silver\$10,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors\$30,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
HONG KONG, 25th February, 1933.

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th February, 1933.

THE CHASE BANK.

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Established 1824.

HONG KONG OFFICE: 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Authorized Capital.....f.150,000,000.

Paid-up Capital.....f. 80,030,000.

Reserve Fund.....f. 20,015,000.

Head Office:—Amsterdam.

Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.

BRANCHES:—Batavia, Bandoeng, Bencoolen, Bontoe, Calcutta, Ceylon, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manilla, Peking, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.

A. STOKKINK, Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st June, 1932. [30]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Hong Kong Currency

Authorized Capital.....H.K. \$11,000,000

Paid-up Capital8,665,

Reserve Fund1,150,000

Branches:—

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London Bankers:—

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Correspondents:—

In all Principal Cities of the World.

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Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) at a Yearly Rental of from \$5 to \$40.

LOOK POONG SHAN, Manager.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital\$3,000,000

Reserve Fund\$3,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors\$3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:—

ALOR STAR, AMSTERDAM, BANGKOK, BATAVIA, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, CANTON, CHIOUANG, CHONGKING, COLOMBO, DAIKIN, HANKOW, HONGKONG, KANGKONG, KUALA LUMPUR, KUPANG, LONDON, LYONS, MANILA, MEDAN, NEW YORK, PEKING, PINGTANG, RANGOON, SHANGHAI, SHENYANG, SINGAPORE, SOERABAYA, TIENTSIN, YOKOHAMA.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted. CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. BREARLEY, Manager.
Hong Kong, Nov. 17th, 1932 [30]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE (Incorporated in France).

Prince's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:

74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital, fully paid-up.....50,000,000

Special Working Capital.....50,000,000

Reserves33,352,000

BRANCHES:—

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FRANCE: Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, Société Générale, London: Midland Bank, Ltd. New York: Irving Trust Co., Banca Commerciale Italiana, San Francisco: Bank of America, National Trust and Savings Association.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Correspondents throughout the World.
A. L. BRUSSET, Acting Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1933.

OVERSEA-CHINESE BANKING CORPORATION, LTD.

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THE CHINESE COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

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Head Office:—SINGAPORE.

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Authorized Capital.....Straits \$40,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital.....Straits \$10,000,000.00

Branches and Agencies in the principal cities of the world.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

OHUA KEH HAI, Manager.

NEDERLANDSCH INDISCHE HANDELSBANK, N.V.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK)

Established 1883 at Amsterdam.

Authorized Capital.....Gldrs. 100,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital.....Gldrs. 55,000,000.00

Reserve Fund.....Gldrs. 29,000,000.00

Head Office:—AMSTERDAM.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loan granted on approved securities. Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

J. M. MORHAUS, Actg. Manager.

BANK OF CHINA.

Reorganized October 26, 1928, under special charter of The National Government as an

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Subscribed Capital.....\$25,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital.....\$24,710,200.00

Reserve Funds\$4,680,503.83

HEAD OFFICE:—SHANGHAI.

HONG KONG BRANCH:—

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Owing to our numerous branches in China and large connections in the important commercial centres of the world, we are able to extend to our clients special facilities for domestic and foreign banking and exchange.

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SHOH J. CHEN, Manager.

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SurplusU.S.\$1,833,333.04

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E. W. DUGGAN, Manager.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3.

Authorized Capital.....\$3,000,000

Subscribed Capital.....\$1,800,000

Paid-up Capital.....\$1,050,000

Reserve Fund and Rest.....\$1,917,097

BRANCHES:—
THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:—
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HONG KONG BRANCH:—
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Travellers Cheques issued. Trustee and Executorships undertaken.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
J. B. ROSS, Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, 7th April, 1932. [30]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

No. 10, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Established 1918.

Authorized Capital.....\$10,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital.....\$5,598,600.00

Reserve and Undivided Profits2,312,000.00

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

Amoy, Batavia, Bencoolen, Bontoe, Calcutta, Ceylon, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manilla, Peking, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaya, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loan granted on approved securities. Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital (fully paid up) Yen 100,000,000

Reserve Fund.....Yen 118,750,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.

Hong Kong, March 12, 1932. [30]

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Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DUE
MANILA	General Pershing	6th Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	Takada	6th Apr.
JAPAN	Brisbane Maru	6th Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	6th Apr.
JAPAN	Africa Maru	6th Apr.
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers)	London, 9th March and Parcel	6th Apr.
STRAITS	Alipore	6th Apr.
MANILA	Swamp of Lianian	6th Apr.
SHANGHAI and AMOY	Huonan	6th Apr.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Stachuan	6th Apr.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Seattle, 18th March)	Pres. Jefferson	7th Apr.
JAPAN	Penang Maru	7th Apr.
JAPAN, SHANGHAI and EUROPE via SIBERIA (London, 13th March)	Hanpura	7th Apr.
STRAITS	Alipore	7th Apr.
MANILA	Pres. McKinley	10th Apr.
SHANGHAI	Aeneas	10th Apr.
JAPAN	Tango Maru	10th Apr.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Chongka	11th Apr.
SHANGHAI	Chenococoon	11th Apr.
SAIGON	Athos II	11th Apr.
SEALCH	Agamemnon	15th Apr.
SHANGHAI	Utsa Koso	15th Apr.
CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver B.C., 25th Mar.)	Emp. of Japan	14th Apr.